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GEELONG, HOBART

FOR PSL?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The two teams that finish last in the Philips League in 1979 will be able to apply for re-admission.

Their applications will be considered along with those from eligible clubs from State federations.

The successful applicants will be selected on the basis of crowd support, location, financial strength, ground facilities and past record.

This is the new formula for promotion and relegation, adopted by the league last week and recommended to the Australian Soccer Federation for approval.

Clubs are protected under new formula

It replaces the previous formula under which the last-placed team would have been relegated and replaced by an eligible club from the same state.

In effect, the new formula will serve to protect PSL clubs with strong financial and

crowd support from being relegated because of a bad playing season.

On the other hand, it will each year offer two "vacancies" to non-PSL clubs that are able to gather enough support, sponsorship and suitable ground facilities to make a successful application for membership.

The location criterion will remain important as it was under the previous formula.

For example, it is highly unlikely that a Melbourne team would be admitted if, say, a Brisbane team failed in its application for re-admission.



Marconi's flying winger Peter Sharne gets past Con Kampas to head at goalkeeper Martyn Crook during the PSL semi-final last Sunday.

Marconi wants Coates, Mowbray in doubt!

Marconi, which meets Hakoah-Easts in the Philips League grand final in Sydney on Sunday, is confident of signing Ralph Coates from St. George for next season.

Marconi is vying with Saints for the signature of the former Tottenham Hotspur star who is seen as the best possible replacement for Jimmy Rooney. Rooney will return to Melbourne later this year. Meanwhile, Marconi is reported to have offered its players a \$10,000 bonus to win the top four series.

Hakoah will miss sweeper Eddy Thomson who has to serve a one-



Ralph Coates

match suspension. Left back Henry Mowbray has a badly twisted knee and may also miss the final.

Marconi may have to play without right back Barry Jones who was replaced due to injury in the 2-0 victory over West Adelaide last Sunday.

Peter Brogan would probably take his place.

Mark Trenter will replace Thompson in the Hakoah team and if Mowbray does not play, his place will go to Alan Kershaw.

After the Marconi v. West Adelaide match, Hakoah coach Gerry Cheldi said: "I don't think Marconi will play as badly against us. If they do, we will have no problems."

In league games this season Hakoah beat Marconi and drew 0-0.

Last year, Marconi beat Hakoah 4-2 in the league and 1-0 in the Cup. The other league game was drawn 1-1.

Likely teams for Sunday: MARCONI: Maher, Jones or Brogan, Russell, Prskalo, Degney, Selvaie or Jankovics, Vieri, Rooney, Mariani, Ollerton, Sharne. HAKOAH: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, Trenter, Kershaw or Mowbray, Stevenson, Barnes, Saunders, Watson or Campbell, Smith, Silva.

The Philips League is seeking applications for membership from Geelong, Hobart, Whyalla, Wollongong, Ipswich, Parramatta or Liverpool and outer Melbourne suburbs like Frankston, Preston or Fawkner.

If suitable applications from such areas are received by October 21, the PSL may increase its membership from 14 to 16 clubs for next season, PSL chairman Sam Papisavas said last week.

If there is no increase next year, there will almost certainly be one in 1980.

A club representing the Wollongong-Illawarra region has already made an application, backed by sponsors. There is a strong chance this club will be in the PSL next year.

A Canberra club is also reported to have applied. But the application of APIA-Leichhardt is unlikely to be successful in its present form, Mr Papisavas said.

"We are not likely to accept applications from inner-city clubs," he said.

However, he added APIA would have a chance of being admitted if it amalgamated with an existing club, perhaps Western Suburbs.

"Weeds and APIA had talks some time ago. I will try to get the two clubs together again for further discussions," he said.

APIA said in its application for membership for 1979 that it had a major sponsor, 12 minor sponsors, a commitment to financial support from the APIA social club, and that it would pay its own fares in the league.

"Of course, it would help to have APIA pay its own fares — but what about the additional fares incurred by the other clubs?"

"Moreover, the league has accepted as a general principle that we don't want a sixth team from inner Sydney. It would make the league lop-sided," Mr Papisavas said.

"The success of Canberra and Newcastle has shown us that smaller towns or district can identify with a team much more readily."

But Mr Papisavas said that suburban-based teams in capital cities may be considered if they put forward attractive submissions.

There were moves some time ago to start a PSL club in Geelong, where the new trotting centre would be available as a home ground.

New moves are believed to have started in Geelong and at least one State League club has been considering the possibility of setting up headquarters there.

MELBOURNE CLUBS TO DROP ETHNIC TAGS

Even Melbourne's Philips League clubs will discard their ethnic names next season, PSL chairman Mr Sam Papisavas said this week.

This was decided at a league executive meeting. Mr Papisavas said that South Melbourne, of which he is president, would drop the Hellas tag.

Similarly, Fitzroy would no longer be known as

Alexander. The Fitzroy club proposes to change its name when it moves to new headquarters at Heidelberg.

"No new clubs will be admitted to the league under ethnic names," Mr Papisavas said.

He believes South Melbourne will not lose its Greek support if it drops the name Hellas.

"This has been proved

by West Adelaide, which also dropped the Hellas tag" he said.

"We must broaden our base of support. Crowds of 5000 or 6000 will not be sufficient in the future. We must aim at average crowds of 10,000 or 12,000."

"In the case of my club, it would not hurt to perhaps have non-Greeks



Cosmos star Vladizlav Bogicevic gets a kiss from a Yugoslav admirer while he was here with Red Star last year.

Cosmos sought for tour of Australia

The Philips League has been trying to sign the New York Cosmos for matches in Australia.

The Cosmos will go on a world tour late this month and again early next year.

It has been proposed that the Cosmos play up to three games in Australia, against a PSL representative team or an Australian XI coached by Rudi Gutendorf.

Cosmos' match fee is at least \$40,000.

It may be more now that they have won their second successive North American Soccer League championship.

The Cosmos team includes three former captains of national teams — Franz Beckenbauer (West Germany), Carlos Alberto (Brazil) and Vladislav Bogicevic (Yugoslavia).

On next month's tour, it will also include former Dutch captain Johan Cruyff, who is with the Cosmos "on trial".

Another former international in the Cosmos team is top scorer Georgio Chinaglia of Italy.

In addition to the Cosmos tour, individual PSL clubs will try to bring overseas teams to Australia.

Footscray J.U.S.T. is negotiating for a visit by a Yugoslav side.

on the board, or to encourage community involvement from surrounding areas like Port Melbourne, Middle Park, St. Kilda and South Melbourne.

"At the ground, we will try to create an atmosphere conducive to attracting new people."

"We will aim at getting 200 or 300 people into the club-rooms in a social atmosphere before the game, and setting up barbecues and perhaps a children's playground."



VIC BOZANIC FOR NATIONAL SQUAD?

A succession of brilliant performances near the end of the season has made West Adelaide's utility player Vic Bozanic a candidate for Rudi Gutendorf's national squad.

Bozanic is pictured above (left) being tackled by Andrew Bozikas of Fitzroy Alexander.

He has played in midfield, at left back and in attack for West Adelaide since being bought from Polonia Adelaide early this year.

Bozanic has by far the strongest shot in the league, and has scored many vital goals for Polonia and West Adelaide with powerful long-range

drives.

However, the goal with which West Adelaide won the PSL championship was more subtle. Bozanic, who had earlier been moved upfield, got onto the end of a long ball and hooked it first-time over Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper Peter Marshall.

The goal made the score 1-1 and gave West Adelaide the point it needed to win the championship.

And it came only three minutes from the end! Had Bozanic not scored, the championship would have gone to Hakoah-East on goal difference.

Joseph Gelei

New Saints boss warns: 'The weak will perish'

Joseph Gelei, who stepped into the shoes of the legendary Hungarian goalkeeper Gyula Grosics, is the first professional Hungarian coach who has been released to join an Australian team. He has been appointed coach of St George Budapest.

I met him in his very comfortable apartment near the Budapest Sport Hotel and he welcomed me as an old friend. We started our discussion among his many soccer trophies which he accumulated during his years of involvement in international soccer.

First of all, let me give you some personal details about Gelei. He was born in 1938, is 186 cm. tall, married and has two sons, Joseph Junior, 18, and Karoly, 14, who are both active in soccer and play for Vasas Juniors. Karoly wants to follow in his father's footsteps; he is a goalkeeper. His wife Emma was an active sportswoman. She played handball for MTK.

● Where and when did you start your playing career?

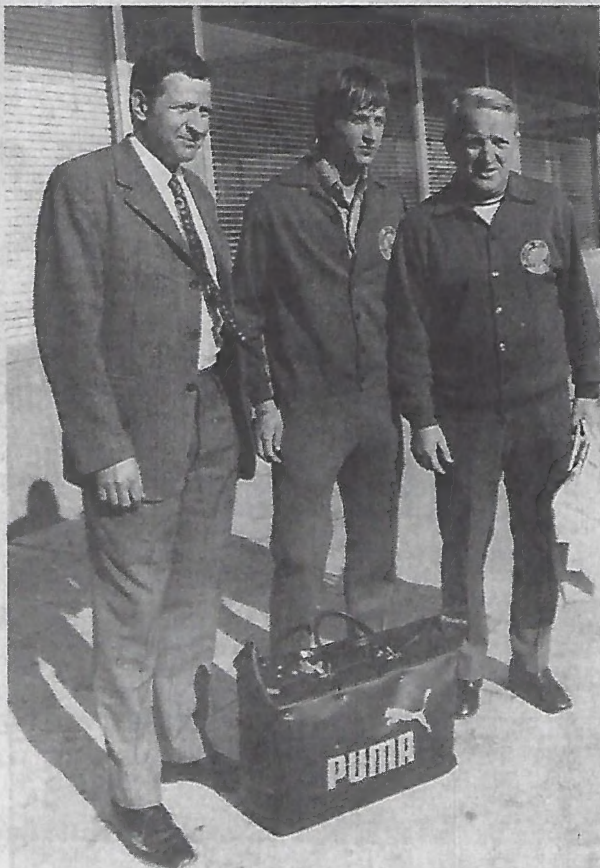
I started with Boleianisz, then I transferred to MTK, from there to Vasas and then to Tatabanya. In the first division I played for more than 10 years in 226 matches.

● I read somewhere that in a league match you actually scored a goal.

That is quite true. On one occasion I scored from a penalty against Pecs, as none of the other players was prepared to take the spot kick in what was a crucial match for us.

● When was your first match in first division?

It was in 1958 with MTK. Coincidentally my last first division match was against MTK in 1969. At MTK I took over from former Hungarian inter-



Joseph Gelei (left) with Johan Cruyff and coach Istvan Kovacs during a visit to Ajax Amsterdam.

national Geller and at Tatabanya I took over from Grosics.

● When did you play your first representative match?

When I joined MTK I had already been selected as a junior international. In the junior national side I played 18 games, in the reserve national team 10, in the B national team 14. Between 1962-4, I played in the Olympic team, a total of 54 matches.

As an A international I

represented Hungary 11 times, including the matches played in the 1966 world cup in England.

In these 11 matches I conceded 12 goals and we won seven, drew one and lost three. In addition to the above I also played in the representative side of Budapest and with my various clubs I participated in many international competitions.

● What do you consider your greatest success as a player?

Without a doubt the winning of the Olympic gold medal in Tokyo, 1964.

● I want to clarify how you actually obtained the gold medal in Tokyo. I heard a story about this from one of the Hungarian soccer writers in London recently and I would like to hear your version.

Actually there is a story attached to it. I played in every match leading up to the final and in the semi-final against Romania, a few minutes before the end when the game stood at a draw, I saved a penalty and threw the ball to Bene who scored the winning goal which put us into the final. When I saved the penalty, I broke a finger and I could not play in the final against Czechoslovakia.

After winning the final, only 14 gold medals were given out to the players and the reserves, so there wasn't one left for me.

Our team management tried everything to obtain a medal for me as they considered I had a large share in the team's success. Unfortunately, they failed.

Eventually one of my playing colleagues got into financial difficulties and I bought the medal from him. So that is how I received my Olympic gold medal.

● When did you start your coaching career?

I had studied coaching as a player and from 1970 on I have coached at Tatabanya 2½ years under Dr. Lakat, including a year in charge of the first team. During my stay at Tatabanya, we won the Mitropa Cup on two occasions. From there I moved to Szolnok MTE Second Division team where I spent two seasons. Last year, I was with Vasas working on the coaching staff led by Ferenc Kovacs, master coach (Kovacs is the current Hungarian national coach, having taken over from Baroti).

● Tell me something about your coaching experience.

Well, I actually started coaching when I was still an active player. I watched the work of recognised coaches and collected information wherever I could. I am proud to say that among the young Hungarian coaches, I am the most travelled, having visited a number of countries, including the following:

One month with Sparta Rotterdam and Ajax in Holland, five weeks in England with Arsenal, Queens Park Rangers and West Ham United, three weeks in Yugoslavia with Vojvodina and two weeks in the Soviet Union with Dinamo Kiev.

During my study tours, I had the opportunity to



England manager Brian Greenwood — he has exceptional abilities, says Gelei.



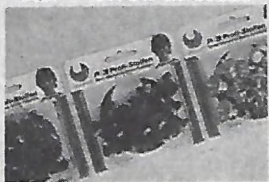
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on the law of the jungle

By JOE SZALAY who was in Budapest to interview the former Hungarian goalkeeper who has been appointed coach of St George.

pick up trade secrets from famous coaches and of course during my playing career, I have also been coached by well known identities.

● Can you tell me what impressed you most during your period of study? Yes, but this is very difficult to condense in a few sentences. Firstly, let's talk about the local experts.

Marton Bukovi: One of his comments was that although soccer is played with your feet, the deciding factor is the head, not the outside of it, but the inside. In other words, he prefers intelligent footballers.

Nandor Hidegkuti: He believed in establishing a friendly atmosphere within the club, where players and coaches worked together and for each other. If you have this atmosphere, even hard work can be enjoyed.

Rudolf Illivszky: Unbelievable self-discipline and willpower, fanatical approach, setting a good example and a will to win.

Lajos Baroti: Faith in his carefully selected players. Once a player has been selected, he must be given a chance to prove himself.

Dr. Karoly Lakat: His high qualifications and his knowledge of many diverse subjects impressed me.

Among coaches I have been in contact with in other countries, **Vujadin Boskov** at Vojvodina impressed me with his perseverance, punctuality and outstanding organisational ability.

Istvan Kovacs, (Ajax): Arrived as a relatively unknown to the already world-famous Ajax. From him I picked up valuable pointers as to how one can and should treat so-called star players and how one can maintain a close relationship with them. His very correct yet fanatical approach to his job is exemplary. I observed how he put down the foundation of total soccer at Ajax.

I stayed with him during my visit to Holland and I know that **Cruyff** and **Kalzer** still maintain a very high regard for this great coach.

Brian Greenwood, the current national coach of England, showed with West Ham his exceptional abilities. It was exemplary how he controlled the whole club, not only the first team, but all the reserves, juniors etc. He has a tremendous capacity for work. I learned a lot from him.

Bertie Mee, (Arsenal): He seems to maintain a fantastic rapport with his colleagues, playing staff, club directors, representatives of the Press and supporters. A commendable characteristic.

Gordon Jago, (Queens Park Rangers): I have seldom met a fairer and more modest colleague. He went into detail in discussing plans and tactics with his players, asking their opinions. Accordingly he is a great believer in collective effort. He believes that the player must feel that the coach is interested in his opinion in order to obtain his maximum contribution towards the team's plans and tactics.

Naturally, I cannot say that I have learned everything from the above



Gyula Grosics (left) — the man Gelei succeeded as goalkeeper at Tatabanya. Nandor Hidegkuti (right) — Gelei learned from him.

world-famous experts, but to observe them and discuss matters with them was a great experience which I am blending with my own knowledge and experience.

● What is your basic principle in coaching?

First of all, I set a very high standard for my players as well as for myself. I do not like average performances.

as the opposition. I must find out what is the players' leading capacity with regards to training and how well were they prepared condition-wise, technically and tactically in the past. One cannot just dive in and start off with a new team without giving these matters consideration, otherwise problems can occur later.

● Broadly speaking,

'If you learn only what is sufficient for today, it will probably be insufficient tomorrow.'

One has to move fast because if you want to learn only what is sufficient for today it will probably be insufficient tomorrow.

In order to have a successful team, all players are required to contribute to the maximum of their ability and must take responsibilities. If you look at the hard and fast West German, Dutch or English soccer, we can see that successful professional soccer can be compared with the jungle.

Those who are strong and fierce will survive. The weak and lazy will perish.

In modern soccer, those who are only playing around are replaced by those with fighting spirit and the will to win. For the dedicated even hard training between hard matches is not tiresome.

I do not like to differentiate between professional and amateur on the basis of payment.

In my opinion, the amateur enjoys the game when he has the ball. He is having fun! The job for the professional really starts when the opposition has the ball and he has to win it back.

● What is your opinion of the various systems of play?

It is fashionable to talk about systems such as 4-3-3 or 4-2-4 or 4-4-2 etc. There are many variations possible, but the important thing is how the coach's tactical ideas are carried out on the field and how effective they are.

● What do you know about your future team and what do you consider as your number one priority when you take over St. George Budapest?

Well, I consider it very important to obtain as much advance information as possible about my future players as well

what sort of plans do you have for the team?

Ideally, I would like to develop a team which has style and effectiveness to draw supporters. Soccer is a great game, but it is not desirable to play it before empty terraces.

Lack of supporters can affect the players and naturally also affects the club financially.

Players must understand that they are entertainers and have to play their part in increasing attendances.

● What information do you have about your new team?

Frank Arok, a very good friend of mine, who has spent some time at St. George, gave me a lot of very valuable information.

Recently, I learnt from him that St. George covers a large district and a lot of junior teams and schools.

I would like to think that all the juniors in the district think of St. George as their own and I would like to develop an even stronger link with the junior coaches in the area.

● Finally, what message do you have for the many Hungarian and local supporters of St. George?

Firstly, that I look forward to meeting them personally in the near future and showing them on the playing field what my ideas are. In the meantime, I have to thank the management of St. George for bringing me out to Australia and I am confident that I shall be able to repay the faith they have in my ability.

We shall give entertainment and success to our club supporters.



From left: Gelei exchanges ideas with fellow coaches Boskovics (MTK), Arok (Vojvodina) and Kovacs (Ajax). Frank Arok, former boss of St. George, has given Gelei valuable information about his new club.



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Four of the claims had only been partly finalised as in some cases the players concerned were still disabled.

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ABOVE: Cummings rides a tackle by Hakoah's Steve O'Connor. LEFT: Robert Marwe of Adelaide Juventus brings down the Hellas striker. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

ABOVE: Cummings gets a shot in under pressure from Mooroolbark's Dave Ellis. TOP CENTRE: Cummings evades a sliding tackle by Steve Perry of Brisbane City.

With the lure of the glamorous European and American soccer scenes threatening to drain Australia of so many talented youngsters, there comes good news from Melbourne.

While the Kosminas, the Johnstones and the Byrnes are battling to forge a career among the world's best, South Melbourne Hellas 'starlet' Duncan Cummings says he has no ambition to play overseas.

"I'm happy to stay in Australia," said Duncan. "The money's good here and the standard of the national league is very high and always improving."

"Besides, I want to play for Australia in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. That's my real ambition and my chances of getting picked in the team could be affected if I were playing overseas instead of in Australia."

Duncan Cummings is a level-headed young man. A \$10,000 star at 17, he remains unaffected and has a realistic outlook towards his society.

Now 19, Cummings has learnt that soccer is no bed of roses and with the experience he has gained during his relatively short senior career, added to his undoubted ability, he will surely be one of Australia's superstars in the years to come.

'I'd transfer'

Duncan is largely an untapped talent. What we've seen so far is merely the tip of the iceberg.

However, South Melbourne Hellas could be in danger of losing him.

Without being resentful towards any individuals, Duncan expressed disappointment in the way Hellas continued to buy players, especially forwards.

"When the club buys someone," said Duncan, "the players in the team are put under pressure. The club is virtually saying that some of the players aren't good enough."

"Hellas has four forwards for next year (Cummings, Alun Evans, George Campbell and Chris Kent), and there's talk of buying another one. I don't agree with that. We might be a bit weak in the midfield, but the team should be allowed to settle."

"If I couldn't get a regular place in the team, the natural thing to do is to transfer to another club."

Earlier this season, when Duncan was dropped from the Hellas team, it was rumoured that Canberra City was interested in buying him.

"Canberra was interested," said Duncan, "but I think the Hellas committee was divided on whether to sell me. In any case, I don't think I would like to move interstate. I'd

probably miss my family and friends too much."

"But if Hellas buys any more forwards, I'll have to think seriously about my future with the club."

Hopefully Cummings won't have anything to worry about, for if Hellas transferred the young forward, the club would be the loser.

Soccer wasn't the first sport Cummings played. His first venture on the sporting field was in Australian Rules football.

However, at the age of nine, he joined Melbourne soccer club juniors (under 10s). He was a forward, as he is now.

He enjoyed great success as a junior, scoring many goals and gaining selection to various State junior representative teams.

He played junior soccer up to under 14 but was then whisked away and placed in Melbourne reserve team.

In 1972, however, he quit soccer and returned to Aussie Rules.

"I switched because of the distance I had to travel for soccer," said Duncan. "I live in Chadstone and had to take a train all the way to Albert Park and back for training (a trip of about 12 kilometres)."

"But I'd never make it in top-line Aussie Rules. I'm not big enough!"

Duncan spent a season away from soccer, then returned in 1973.

"Melbourne offered me a contract, so I went back," said Cummings.

Melbourne was in the State League, but struggling.

"We finished second bottom in 1973," said Duncan, "and didn't do much better the following year. But we did reach the Ampol Cup final in '74."

Melbourne was eventually relegated to the First Division in 1975, and was again relegated

the year after. Duncan said the club brought the trouble on itself.

"They kept selling players to get a few bob," he said. "There were some players who couldn't stay because they owed it to themselves to go on to better things, but still Melbourne sold too many good players."

Some of the players at Melbourne during Cummings' time were Joe Palinkas (St. George, now Footscray JUST), Steve Blekany, Alistair Scott, Charlie Kelly (now Croydon), Graham Morgan (now Box Hill), Joe Szabo (now Kellor Austria) and Aukie Waaldyk (now Box Hill).

Cummings made his first-team debut with Melbourne in 1973 at the age of 15. It was a majestic start for the youngster, as he scored both goals in Melbourne's 2-0 win over Kellor Austria.

However, when Melbourne finished bottom in 1975, Duncan decided he would have to leave.

"I didn't want to play in the First Division," he said. "It wouldn't have helped my game any, so I asked to be transferred. There was a bit of trouble getting away from the club though. Melbourne wanted \$15,000. That was a ridiculous amount. It didn't cost them anything, and they paid me only \$10 a game."

St. George of Sydney showed interest, but Duncan moved to South Melbourne Hellas for \$10,000.

He was just 17!

You would think the pressure would be too much for such a young player. After all, \$10,000 is a lot of money for a player, especially if he's a teenager.

"I didn't feel any pressure," said Duncan. "I fitted in well at Hellas because my father was a good friend of Stevie Walker, who was in the team, and I knew Chris Kalafatis and Arthur

Xanthopoulos from the Victorian under 18 squad.

"The big transfer fee didn't affect me and I now feel like I've been with Hellas all my life."

Duncan added that Jimmy Mackay was a great help in the early days.

"With Jimmy supplying the passes, I couldn't go wrong," said Cummings, who praised Mackay as the best player he's seen at Hellas.

Hellas and Cummings had a good 1976, but 1977 was a bitter disappointment to both club and player.

Duncan missed most of the season with an achilles tendon injury, and Hellas finished in the bottom third of the Phillips League in its inaugural season.

Cummings explains how he got the injury.

"We were playing Ringwood City in a pre-season practice match," said Duncan, "and I went up for a header. By accident, one of the Ringwood players spiked the back of my leg with a stud and that damaged the tendon."

Duncan then began months of frustration. He saw 20 different specialists in an attempt to get the tendon mended, but to no avail.

In June he gave up and had to have an operation.

He completed the long haul back by playing in Hellas' last three games.

"It was a bad year for the club," he said. "There were a lot of players coming and going, and a fair bit of ill feeling."

1977 was a write-off soccer-wise for Duncan and the start of the 1978 season wasn't much better.

"I played only a couple of games in the PSL in 1977," said Duncan, "and didn't really know what the standard was like."

Played poorly

"The practice games we had at the start of this season opened my eyes. I had gone from the State League to the national league, which was much faster and harder. I played poorly in the practice games, and was dropped after two league games."

"I decided I'd have to really work hard at training, and lift my game. I did this and eventually won my place back."

With his form regained, Duncan then faced the problem of competition from imports Alun Evans from Walsall, and George Campbell from Aberdeen.

"Alun and George are very good players," said Duncan. "Alun is great to play with because he's always moving to receive the ball, and creates openings with his flick-ons."

Peter Ollerton, our old centre forward, is also a very good player. But he's different to Alun. Peter doesn't fight for the ball and off the field he doesn't get on too well with coaches."

And what about Duncan's future in Australian soccer?

"I'd like to be able to play as a professional in this country," he said, "but if I were offered the chance in the next few years I'd have to be able to finish my apprenticeship (in electrical engineering) so I'd have something to go back to."

As you see, Duncan Cummings knows what he's doing.

\$10,000 star at 17, now Duncan aims for Spain!

By KYLE PATTERSON

Selvae stops Boyle, Sharne does rest

By JOHN TAYLOR

They don't call Stuart Selvae the "policeman" for nothing. Selvae had orders to patrol West Adelaide's midfield ace Peter Boyle in the preliminary final and he didn't disappoint coach **Rale Rasic** or the Marconi fans.

The fact that Selvae marked Boyle completely out of the game was a contributing factor in Marconi's 2-0 triumph.

Top four may be scrapped

The top four PSL series may be scrapped next year. "It has not been as successful as we had hoped," PSL chairman **Sam Papasavas** said this week.

The last round of the league championship should be the climax of the season. "Anything that follows it should be a final of some sort — probably the Cup final."

He added that Cup games would be played on weekends instead of mid-week next year.

The league is also considering a three or four week break next season, to take advantage of the warmer weather in October and perhaps November.

The break would be set aside for international games, making it easier for PSL clubs to release their players to State teams or the national side.

No doubt, Marconi will be out to prove they are Sydney's glamor team.

The real star of the final was dynamic Marconi winger **Peter Sharne**.

Sharne was violently ill on the eve of the match with a virus but wouldn't hear of standing down.

It was apparent in the first half that there was something wrong with Sharne because he wasn't his explosive self.

But he certainly cut loose in the second half — much to the delight of the Marconi fans.

He ran with more confidence and caused havoc for West Adelaide's big fullback **Berry Reynolds**.

But while Sharne made the breaks, he often found no support up front.

Yet, it was Sharne's speed that forced a penalty in the 61st minute and he made sure of Marconi's win with an 81st minute goal.

Marconi was rarely in trouble against the League champions.

In fact, Marconi provided almost all the attacking moves.

It was as if West Adelaide were content to sit back and hope for a breakaway goal. But even that seemed unlikely, for their forwards showed nothing.

In fairness to West Adelaide, several of their players were carrying injuries — namely, **McGachey**, **Pillans** and **McGregor**.

But still, they hardly put together an enterprising move.

Marconi still haven't recaptured the form they displayed

PSL Preliminary final: MARCONI 2 (Mariani, Sharne) beat WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Marconi. Crowd: 6885.

Player Ratings by John Taylor.
MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 5 (Brogan 45th - 5), Berry 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 8, Selvae 8, Rooney 7, Vieri 7, Mariani 8, Ollerton 6, Sharne 9.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 6, Reynolds 6, Jones 8, Kampas 7, Bozanic 7, Boyle 6, Tymczyzyn 8, McGachey 6, Honeyman 7, McGregor 6, Pillans 6.

in the first half of the season but were a cut above Wests in skill and fitness.

A little bit more polish in front of goal and Marconi would have won handsomely.

The first half was rather uninspiring, with both teams showing the affects of tension.

Marconi did most of the attacking but the West Adelaide defence, with **David Jones** and **Con Kampas** standing out, soaked up the pressure.

Referee **Chris Brambridge** disallowed a **Bertie Mariani** goal in the 20th minute but still Marconi had a couple of good chances to post a goal before half time.

Marconi right back **Barry Jones** limped off the field at half time and was substituted by **Peter Brogan** who excelled in the second half.

Marconi carried on attacking and one could sense a goal coming, especially with West Adelaide goalie **Martyn Crook** not safe taking high balls.

Sharne got faster and faster and he forced **Kampas** to commit a foul just inside the box in the 61st minute.

West Adelaide players disputed the penalty, claiming that Sharne was brought down outside the box.

Referee **Brambridge** had different ideas and pointed to the penalty spot.

Then, in the strangest incident seen in Sydney this year, Marconi players took almost two minutes to decide the kicker.

Roberto Vieri, the penalty specialist, didn't want to take it. He was finally persuaded and he almost missed it.

Vieri's hesitant approach led to **Crook** diving to his left to save but he couldn't hold the ball. It rebounded into play and **Bertie Mariani** was there to make sure of the goal.

Marconi continued to mount pressure and two minutes later, Sharne headed in from a **Vieri** cross but the goal was disallowed for off-side.

West Adelaide's best

chance fell to **McGachey** in the 65th minute. Marconi failed to play to the whistle and McGachey was left in the clear with only goalie **Allan Maher** to beat.

Maher charged out and put McGachey off his shot.

Sharne put the result beyond doubt with the killer goal in the 81st minute. A **John Russell** shot hit the bar and rebounded and Sharne capitalised on a second chance to beat goalie **Crook**.

But even if Marconi wins the grand final, it is doubtful whether coach **Rale Rasic** will be with the club next year.

BOBBY TUFFS BEST IN SA

By Meno Toutsidis

Enfield Victoria captain Bobby Tuffs is South Australia's best and fairest player.

Tuffs polled 21 points to win the Rothmans Medal in Adelaide on Thursday night in a close count.

The midfielder won the solid gold \$1,000 medal by one point from Elizabeth's **Norman Lees**.



Marconi midfielder Stuart Selvae makes sure West Adelaide's Ian McGregor doesn't get possession in the final played at Marconi.



Bobby Tuffs and the Rothmans Medal.

and **John Kemiellner** (Beograd) 11 polled well, but were ineligible because of suspension.

A tough, tireless competitor, he was strongly tipped for the medal and his selection didn't come as a surprise.

Tuffs played for English isthmian League clubs **Lechworth** and **St. Albans** before coming to Australia three years ago.

Chris Manolev (Azzurri) 17, **Wally Bojczuk** (Beograd) 13

LEADERS — 21 R. Tuffs (Enfield-Victoria), 20 M. Lees (Elizabeth City), 19 J. Muldoon (Para Hills), 17 F. Alfede (Azzurri), M. Ball (Cumberland), S. Coggiano G. Dooley (Polonia), R. Henderson (Elizabeth City), 14 P. Herd (Lion), 13 B. Welsh (Cumberland), 12 H. Bell (Para Hills), 11 T. Wetton (Noarunga United), 10 T. Middleton (Lion), J. Mitchell (Enfield-Victoria).

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Victoria wins youth title

Bill Curran once again proved himself one of Australia's best junior coaches when he steered the Victorian team to its fourth victory in the national under-16 championships in Brisbane.

Victoria won the title under Curran in 1972 and 1974 and under **Rale Rasic** in 1970.

Victorian Soccer Federation secretary **George Wallace** was Curran's team manager this year, as he was in 1974.

Victoria was undefeated in six championship matches.

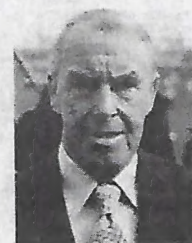
Going into the last game against Northern NSW, Victoria had 11 points and the boys from Newcastle 10 points.

Victoria won 1-0 with a goal by **Socrates Nicolaides** of South Melbourne Hellas.

Final standings were: Victoria 13, Nth. NSW 10, NSW 9, Western Australia 7, Queensland 7, Tasmania 5, South Australia 4, ACT 1.

Paul Kay of NSW club **St. George**, won the **Roy Crohurst Cup** for the second successive year, as the best player of the championships.

The basic Victorian team was: **George Shinas** (St. Albans), **Nicolaides** (Hellas), **Rudi Schaffner** (St. Albans, captain), **Robert Trafficante** (Essendon City), **Oscar Crino** (Juventus), **Mimo Sbeglia** (Sunshine City), **Niff Christoudias** (Ardeer), **John Little** (Altona), **Tibor Hagymas** (Footscray JUST), **John Groenewald** (Ringwood City), and **Mike Giacomi** (Essendon City).



Bill Curran

Players who appeared in only some of the games were **John McNally** (Sunshine), **Steve Cairns** (Frankston Pines), **Joe Pizzo** (Essendon City), **Dennis Bisacotto** (Juventus), and **Nell Prothro** (Albion Leyland).

The outstanding players were **Crino**, **Trafficante**, **Giacome** and **Little**.

Goalscorers were **Little** 5, **Nicolaides** 3, **Giacome** 2, **Crino** 2, **Hagymas**, **Christoudias**, **Groenewald**, 1 each.

Victoria's goal tally was 15-4.

Victoria's results were: v NSW 2-2 (after leading 2-0), v SA 2-1, v Queensland 4-1 (incl. 2 penalties, after being down 0-1), v WA 2-0, v ACT 2-0, v Tasmania 2-0, v Nth NSW 1-0.

Results of the final round: Victoria 1 (Nicolaides) Northern NSW 0.

W. Aust. 4 (Voorn 2, Migas, Shonan) Tasmania 0.

Queensland 8 (McAuliffe 3, Swann 4, Tuttle) ACT 1 (Gwyther). NSW 3 (Vale 2, Busch) S Aust. 0.

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MacGREGOR GIVES IRVINE FIRST WIN

In the biggest form reversal seen this season, Frankston City toppled league champion Essendon Croatia and is confident of scoring another upset win when the two sides meet tonight (Wednesday) in the Dockerty Cup.

"We played very poorly," he said, "but I think you'll see a different Croatia on Wednesday night. The players are angry that Frankston beat them and will be out to show them who's best. I reckon we can bounce back."

McArthur added that he was surprised his backline, normally one of the team's strengths, played so badly.

However, it would be unfair to say Croatia lost solely because of its own failings. Frankston must be given credit for the fight and endeavour it showed and for the way the team wore Croatia down with attacking soccer. Frankston was becoming infamous for its defensive approach, but anyone who saw the Baysiders against Croatia would wonder why.

Frankston, under instructions from Irvine, pressured Croatia's defence, the place from where the Essendon team starts attacking, and this was the main reason City won.

As well as that, Frankston fought incessantly when it lost the ball in midfield and defended in numbers when under pressure.

Thus, Croatia was not allowed to settle into its natural game of building up from the back and looked suspect when Frankston stepped up the tempo, using the long ball with great effect.

However, Frankston's eleventh minute goal was vital. It lifted the players' confidence no end, and gave them the spirit to continue fighting.

Frankston's performance had spectators staring in disbelief. One City fan cracked that if the players were horses, they would have to be swabbed! Indeed, after Frankston's dismal efforts of the past two months, a win over Croatia ranks as an extraordinary feat.

It was Frankston's first win under playing coach **Sandy Irvine**, but the indifferent start he made in coaching will be forgotten if he can steer the Baysiders to successive victories over the Essendon club.

Irvine is optimistic about his team's chances.

The two points didn't matter to us today," he said, "but we had to do well to help us prepare psychologically for the Dockerty Cup game. We had a bad run but I always knew we had the talent. After last week's game (a 0-3 loss to Hakoah) the boys were pretty disgusted with their performance, but today they showed some pride and it was a great win."

"Frankston can now go into the Dockerty Cup game with a lot of confidence, and I think we'll do well."

For Croatia, it was the most possible start to a two-week period in which the team plays two vital cup games the first against Frankston and the second against Adelaide City in a Phillips Cup quarter final.

However, Croatia coach **Billy McArthur** wasn't too worried about the loss.

Croatia looked embarrassingly square in defence and suspect to long, through balls. With the back four players (with the exception of **John Gardiner**) pressured into giving their midfielders poor service, the side's rhythm was upset and Croatia was never allowed to dominate.

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By KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Kokoaka 37th min) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Fox 11th min, MacGregor 20th min).

CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 6, Kokoska 5, Gardiner 7, Murphy 5, Andrews 5 (Lesan 60th min), Kerr 6, Culina 5, Cumming 7, Krncevic 6, Glider 5.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7, V. Bannon 6, Irvine 6, Gillespie 7, Williamson 5 (Taylor 80th min), Fox 7, Parrot 7 injured (Tulloch 70th min), G. Bannon 7, Dall 7, MacGregor 8, Campbell 4.



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen appears to connect with team mate Eric Gillespie as he punches clear under pressure from Eddie Krncevic. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.



● Ray Pocock



● Jim Williams

This result set the scene for an exciting top-four struggle in the last round next weekend.

Despite its loss to Sunshine, Slavia retained fourth place on goal average ahead of George Cross which beat Albion Leyland 2-1 to draw level with Slavia on points.

Sunshine stayed in the running, one point behind, but to gain fourth place it will have to beat Ringwood City on Saturday, while both Slavia and George Cross lose.

Slavia v. Sunshine was a match of two distinct halves. With **Ray Pocock** and **Will Laing** doing some dashing work in attack, Sunshine outplayed Slavia all over the field in the first half, and went to a 2-0 lead with first-time shots by **Dave Nelson** and **Frank Mussel**.

Slavia had Sunshine pinned in defence for most of the second half but did little with its territorial advantage and managed only one goal, by **Jim Paton** from the penalty spot.

Ironically, it was a foul by a winger — **Dave Nelson** — on a full back — **Jim Train** — that resulted in the penalty. The action was well on the side of the area, and to me an indirect free kick would have been more appropriate.

But whereas you could have given the referee the benefit of the doubt on that occasion, there were no excuses for some of his other mistakes. Both sides complained about his performance after the game.

I'm still asking myself how he could have ruled offside against Sunshine when **John Yzendoorn** was lying injured next to the goal post!

Slavia deserves praise for the way it has battled on late in the season despite the handicap of so many injuries. **Westley**, **Miller**, **Plummer**, **Turner** and **Williams** have all been struck down during the season.

Thrilling end to struggle for 4th. place

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SLAVIA 1 (Paton pen.) SUNSHINE 2 (D. Nelson, Mussel) at the Showgrounds.

Results:

SLAVIA: Clarke 6; Train 7, Yzendoorn 7, Tuft 5, Thompson 6.5; Whiteside 6, Short 6, Pye 4 (O'Halloran 5 half time); Aldridge 5, Paton 5, Williams 7.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 6; Dixey 7, Lowe 7, Ellis 7, Howe 8; R. Nelson 6.5, Banagan 6, Mussel 6.5 (injured, sub. McRobert 70th); Laing 7, Pocock 7.5, D. Nelson 6.5.

Westley was on the bench last Saturday and **Jim Williams** played very well in his first game back.

The injuries have forced coach **Harry Chalkitis** to reorganise his team in some positions. **Jim Train** had to come off the wing to play at right back, with **Frank Thompson** going to the left. **Steve Short**, an excellent back four player, has had to play in midfield.

In contrast, Sunshine coach **Bill Walsh** has had a more or less settled side all season.

The best individual performance in this game came from **Ray Pocock**, still one of the best ball-playing and hardest fighting forwards in the State League.

The man who won a major Player of the Year award while with Melbourne in 1970, and who later played for Canterbury and Marconi in Sydney, came off the defence time and again to pick up the ball in midfield and flick it on to supporting players running wide. He was involved in almost every forward move in the first half and it was mainly his total commitment that made those forward moves possible.

He was much less prominent in the second half because Sunshine played most of that half in defence.

Will Laing was also very good in the first half, often dashing away on the wing and showing some snappy ball skills.

Centre back **Steve Ellis** won most of the duels in which he involved himself, and **Nick Lowe** played a calm, calculating and highly effective game as sweeper.

Mike Dixey was another good performer. He was solid

at right back and came close to scoring with two flying headers.

Slavia also had some good players. **Jim Train** wasn't beaten at right back and also attacked down the flanks with great determination. **Jim Williams**, first on the wing and then inside, was Slavia's most dangerous attacker, and sweeper **John Yzendoorn** also had a good match, although it was his ball that **Dave Nelson** picked up for Sunshine's first goal.

Early in the game for example, it was **Yzendoorn** who stopped menacing advances by **Laing** and **Robbie Nelson**.

Yzendoorn was hurt in a collision with the goal post, but carried on apparently unaffected a few minutes later. The collision occurred while he was in the penalty trying to repel a well-constructed Sunshine attack started by **Pocock** who crossed to **Laing** for Laing to play the ball into the area.

Dave Nelson opened the scoring in the 30th minute, converging on a ball played by **Yzendoorn** and hitting it first-time with 'keeper **Peter Clarke** stranded on the left after covering a previous action.

The big difference between the teams was that Sunshine's forwards dropped back to pick up the ball in midfield, while Slavia's forwards stayed well up, waiting for the ball.

In addition, Slavia's midfield was also ineffective.

Frank Thompson was shown the yellow card for a foul on **Laing**, and in the 39th minute Sunshine went to a 2-1 lead when **Laing** crossed to **Frank Mussel** who hit it first-time just inside the post.

The closest Slavia came to scoring in the first half was when Sunshine full back **Hugh Howe** headed **Jim Williams** shot powerfully back to his goalkeeper, **John Scholten**.

Tom O'Halloran, the Australian Schoolboys representative, replaced **Dave Pye** at half time, and his inclusion on the wing forced **Williams** to an inside position where he played even better than he had in the first half.

It was fortunate for Sunshine that **Mussel** managed to be there at the right time to stop **Williams** from shooting from about 10 metres just before Slavia was awarded its penalty from which **Paton** scored his 17th goal of the season in the 60th minute.

Mussel was injured in the 70th minute and replaced by **Jim McRobert** who couldn't have been faulted during the short time he was on the field.



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Spare a thought for the nail-biters

By KYLE PATTERSON

It takes nerves of steel to be a soccer coach. Just ask the six Victorian State League coaches who are losing sleep this week over the final championship round.

Six teams face crucial games this week, with State

League status and a place in the State League Cup (top four series) at stake.

Croatia and Makedonia are firmly entrenched in the top four, but four teams — Sunshine City, Slavia, George Cross and Hakoah St. Kilda — are in the running for the remaining two positions.

At the bottom, Ringwood City and Altona City are in relegation territory, with **Albion Leyland** on the border but having only minimal worries and a purely mathematical chance of finishing on the bottom.

Joe Wilson, coach of Altona (13 points), is con-

dent his team can beat **Juventus** at Miller's Road. Even a draw would preserve Altona's place in the State League.

However, Ringwood president and team selector **John van Hoboken** (sen) refuses to consider the thought of his club playing in the Metropolitan League. Ringwood (12 points) must beat Sunshine City and hope Altona loses. A draw isn't enough for Ringwood, because even if it made up the one-point leeway (assuming Altona lost), the team's goal average is inferior.

Albion (14 points) is safe unless it loses by five or six goals. Altona wins, and Ringwood wins by five or six. The chances of that chain of events happening are very remote.

Albion's Billy Cree, who's done an amazing job reviving the almost deceased Leyland club, can rest easy. He probably deserves a break after inheriting a mountain of problems when he took over.

The odds are stacked against Ringwood. At the top, the battle is just as tight. A computer could probably tell us each team's chances, but in simple, soccer language it's anyone's game.

Sunshine held a spot in the top four until a slump in the second half of the season. It

Sunshine beats Ringwood, Slavia goes down to Frankston at the Showgrounds, and George Cross gets done by Hakoah at Middle Park, then Sunshine will be back in town.

George Cross and Hakoah play a qualifying final, with the loser likely to miss a place in the top four. However, Hakoah can afford to draw and even a defeat could see them hold their place.

An Hakoah defeat wouldn't be disastrous for the club if Slavia lost. If those results occurred, Hakoah would have 25 points, George Cross 26 and Slavia 24. Sunshine is no danger to Hakoah because of Hakoah's far superior goal average and two-point advantage.

George Cross must win to get a place in the top four. A draw would be sufficient if Slavia lost and Sunshine failed to get maximum points.

Slavia also must win to be 100% certain of a place but a draw would be enough if George Cross loses.

The coaches with 'top-four blues' are **Harry Chalkitis** (Slavia), **Johnny Sanchez** (George Cross), **Frank Micic** (Hakoah) and **Bill Walsh** (Sunshine).

In a week the situation will be crystal clear. In the meantime, spare a thought for the six nail-biting coaches!

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ALTONA CITY v JUVENTUS (Kim Reserve).

ESSENDON-CROATIA v GREEN GULLY (Olympic Park).

HAKOAH ST. KILDA v GEORGE CROSS (Middle Park).

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BILL WHITESIDE of Hakoah is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week. The leading 'keeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progressive voting — 6 Whiteside (Hak), 3 van der Poel (Altona), Wilding (Ring), 2 Laumets (Mak), Petersen (Frank), Benovic (Cro), 1 Scholten (Suns), Clarke (Slavia), Denys (Gully).

FRANKSTON v CROATIA 3 MacGregor (Frank), 2 G. Bannon (Frank).

1 Gillespie (Frank).

HAKOAH v JUVENTUS

3 Whiteside (Hak), 2 Graham (Juve).

1 Spaniol (Juve).

MAKEDONIA v GREEN GULLY

3 Vassallo (Juv), 2 Lesbirel (Mak).

1 Patten (Gully).

SLAVIA v SUNSHINE

3 Pocock (Suns), 2 Lowe (Suns).

1 Ellis (Suns).

ALTONA v RINGWOOD

3 Watters (Alti), 2 Lewis (Alti).

1 Davidson (Alti).

ALBION v GEORGE CROSS

3 Davidson (Albi), 2 Reed (Geo).

1 Blair (Albi).

Progressive voting —

21 Zyzendorn (Slavia), Cumming (Cro)

20 Short (Slavia), 18 Whiteside (Hak), 17 McClymont (Mak), 14 Cain (Gully), Gardiner (Cro), Reed (Geo), 13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring), 12 Coulson (Ring), Kerr (Cro), Blair (Hak), 11 van der Poel (Alti), McCarthy (Gully), Cullen (Geo), 10 Irvine (Frank), Hotson (Juve), Blair (Ley), MacGregor (Frank), 9 Kokoska (Cro), Banovic (Cro), Walters (Alti), Davidson (Alti), Patten (Gully), Lesbirel (Mak), Pocock (Suns), Lowe (Suns), 8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alti), Krncevic (Cro), Paparas (Geo), Mitten (Alb), 7 Denys (Ajax), Sabidussi (Juve), Walker (Juve), Train (Slavia), Bangan (Suns), Paton (Slavia), Clancy (Hak), Lewis (Alti), Ellis (Suns), 6 Taylor (Alti), Murphy (Cro), Paterson (Frank), Adams (Frank), Mitsud (Geo), Fawner (Mak), Wilding (Ring), 2 Nelson (Suns), R. Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Juve), Adams (Ring, Little, Alti), Davidson (Alti), 5 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Gully), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Carr (Gully), Mussel (Suns), Clarke (Slavia).

Leading goalscorers:

17 Paton (Slavia), 14 Clancy (Hak), 12 McMillan (Mak), 11 Cumming (Cro), 10 Reed (Geo), 8 D. Nelson (Suns), Krncevic (Cro), 7 Segi (Gully), Mitten (Alti), Cullen (Geo), McCormack (Ley), MacGregor (Frank), Paparas (Geo), 6 Voltex (Cro), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Tribuzio (Gully), Luyten (Ring), Pocock (Suns), Brown (Alti), Glenon (Mak), 5 Eadie (Frank), Bernard (Mak), Schipperheyn, Yntema, McIntyre (Alb), Kerr (Cro), Taylor (Alti), 4 Craig (Hak), Webster (Frank), Gilder (Cro), Thom (Ring), Little (Alti), Gibson (Mak), French (Hak).

Albion's plight shows need for change

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Poor Albion Leyland finds itself in a dilemma from which there is no escape in the foreseeable future.

It was about \$8000 in unpaid wages and signing-on fees to its players, who want free transfers if the debts are not paid.

If the club raises the money to pay the debts, it is likely to start next season with an empty bank account and players seeking to leave to avoid getting into further financial difficulties.

If it can't pay the debts, resulting in players transferring to other clubs, Albion will have no team for next season — or, at best, a team not strong enough for the State League — unless it amalgamates with Sunshine quickly.

(There is still a strong possibility that this will happen later this year.)

Eleven players went to the Tribunal last week, seeking to have the money owed to them paid by Albion.

They said that if the money is not paid, the Tribunal should rule that they be granted free transfers.

It was suggested they wait until November 15 to give Albion time to raise the money. Some agreed, others didn't. The Tribunal is expected to make a ruling tonight (Wednesday). The players have filed all but one of the past dozen or so games without pay.

They should be commended for sticking with the club during this difficult period. It is certainly not fair to call them mercenaries.

After all, financial arrangements were agreed to by the club at the start.

On the other hand, Albion should not be criticised too harshly, either. It expected the State League to be a better financial proposition than it has turned out to be.

It is becoming more and more obvious that State League clubs must stop paying wages which are not justified by gate receipts. You can pay out only what comes in. That's simple arithmetic.

I know that other income — from social functions, for example — can also be taken into ac-

count. But it is desirable that a club directs every ounce of its energy towards paying the wages of players whose glamorous task it is to entertain perhaps 100 or 200 spectators at the ground?

If the clubs with little support got together and agreed that wages must be lowered, it would benefit them greatly.

Croft and Makedonia — two clubs that CAN afford high wages — are able to use only so many players between them.

The others would have to accept the prevailing reality in the rest of the league.

Going one step further, the VSF could reorganise its league structure altogether by calling applications for one "professional" league in which players' wages are fixed.

The other leagues would use only amateur players.

The professional league would, of course, include Makedonia, Croatia, George Cross, and other State League clubs with sufficient support. Clubs like Fawner, Werribee, Western Suburbs, Morwell Falcons and others with potential for crowd support, could also be included.



Some of Ringwood's great players of the past, from left: Dick van Alphen, Mike de Bruyckere, Peter Ollerton and Bobby Thomson.

Success only a memory for Ringwood

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Peter Lewis

Ringwood Wilhelmmina has two chances to stay in the State League. It must beat Sunshine City at Sunshine on Saturday or hope that Sunshine and Albion Leyland amalgamate before next season.

Such an amalgamation would create a vacancy in the league. It has been the practice in the past to retain the last-placed team if a vacancy occurs.

Over the past 20 years, Ringwood has boasted some of the State League's very best players, including Mike de Bruyckere, Dick van Alphen, Peter Ollerton, Mike Pye, Dave Pygall, Bobby Thomson, Bobby McGinn, Bobby Collins, Dutch stars Schipperheyn, Yntema, Muskee and many others.

Ringwood still holds the Victorian record of 56 consecutive games without defeat and has won a State League championship, a Dockerty Cup and an Ampol Cup.

Its last relatively good year was 1973, when it reached the Ampol Cup final, only to be beaten 2-3 by Melbourne during extra time.

Ringwood's team in the game was: Bob Carmichael; Mike Pye, Dick Ward, Bobby McGinn, David Garthwaite, Bobby Smith, Peter Ollerton, Colin Alexander; Brian Thom (Phil Williamson), Gary Cole (Clive Mullett), Rudl Muskee.

Of these, only Garthwaite remains and Thom is back after a stint with Mooroolbark.

But not much could be said for any of the players in the game against Altona last Saturday.

Altona simply had better players all over the field — es-

pecially **George Watters** who had a superb, hard-running game in midfield, and **Peter Lewis** who was faultless at right back.

Alan Davidson also had a good game, coming off the defence to play a variety of flick-ons, crosses and headers for strikers **Bob Taylor** and **Nat Little**.

Alby Brown had a very good 20-minute period in the second half, culminating in a goal set up for him by **Watters**, and goalkeeper **Hans van der Poel** was reliable and courageous when Ringwood managed to fight back for a short period in the second half.

Altona played the last 30 minutes with only 10 men, as Nat Little was sent off by referee Nick Karlich for an alleged foul on Garthwaite. While Karlich was sending off Little, he failed to see a blatant offence by Garthwaite against Bob Taylor.

Best of the Ringwood players was probably **Keith Adams**, the right back, although **Adams** virtually scored against his own team to put Altona into the lead in the fourth minute.

Adams barged in to clear a loose ball being chased by Taylor. Adams kicked it and the ball bounced off Taylor, past Paul Wilding into the net.

But **Adams** defended well after that and was one of the few players who stormed into attack, trying to motivate his

players to look for goals.

Player-coach **Brian Carnaby** should also have been doing that, rather than concentrating only on sweeping up in front of the back four.

Ringwood's twin-striker game was a complete flop. **John Luyten** and **Alex Anderson** always found themselves alone and outnumbered, with little support from midfielders coming forward. It was not until **John O'Callaghan** pushed up in the second half and started winning the ball in attack that Ringwood started to look adequate going forward.

Willie Coulson was back after being dropped because of his long hair (it is still long, good on you, Willie), and his ball distribution was a plus. However, he could have done a little more work.

Ringwood's last scoring chance did not come until the 20th minute when **Luyten** headed a long ball from Alex-

ander, only to see it stopped by **Hans van der Poel**.

Altona had two chances to add to its lead just before half time. First **Davidson** went on a good run down the left wing and crossed to **Taylor** who headed wide to **Little** for an angled shot that went across goal.

Then a kick-in went straight to **Little** who steadied but blasted over the bar.

Just after half time **van der Poel** made a courageous save in front of **Luyten** and **Anderson** who were storming onto a loose ball.

But moments later, Altona had one of the best chances of the game. **Little** won a long ball in front of **Garthwaite** and slipped it wide for **Taylor** who was running free. **Taylor** took the ball towards goal alone but shot too early and too wide with only **Wilding** to beat.

In the 53rd minute **Watters** got through the Ringwood defence as **Doug Barber** and the others stood still, claiming **Watters** had committed an infringement. **Watters** played a square ball into the middle from where **Brown** scored past defenders who had scurried back onto the line. Ringwood had paid the penalty for not playing the whistle.

Willie Coulson

John Luyten was shown the yellow card for fouling **Rob Grambergen** and then **Little** was sent off over his tussle with **Garthwaite**.

Brown got through the defence, leading **Barber** in the race for the ball, but **Brown's** shot went across the face of goal.

George Train replaced **Taylor** in the 57th minute and **Keith Ackers** came on later for **Brown**.

Peter Lewis, who had been pushing up extremely well from full back, pulling the ball back stylishly to get around opponents time and time again, scored Altona's third goal in the 70th minute.

After accepting a cross from **Davidson**, **Lewis** barged past **Garthwaite** and slipped the ball past advancing **Paul Wilding** into the goal.

Ron Verniers was shown the yellow card for a second successive foul on **Watters** just before **Willie Coulson** scored Ringwood's consolation goal from a free kick in the 87th minute.

Vassallo back — to no avail

By PETER DESIRA

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Glennon 30th, McMillan 49th) **GREEN GULLY AJAX 1** (Vassallo 62nd).

PRESTON: Laumets, Petrovski, Hooper, Lesbirel, Beech, Blazevski (McGifford 79th), McClymont, Bernard, Faulkner, McMillan, Glennon.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Donaldson (Hogburn 83rd), Patten, Daniels, Crilly, McCarthy, Cain, L. Thomson (Segi 55th), Vassallo, Tribuzio, Carr.

Willie Vassallo made a return to first team football on Sunday and scored a goal to spur **Green Gully** on to a great second half performance and come mighty close to stealing a point after the game had looked all but over at the end of the first 45 minutes.

Vassallo has had a slow recovery from a cartilage operation and the side has missed his creativeness in midfield.

But despite Vassallo's return, Gully still had problems fielding a side. **Stan Klein** was missing through illness and **Laurie Smith** is recovering from a foot injury.

Preston's problems were not quite so severe. **Tom Brewerton** was missing for the second week running with a leg injury but his place in the backline was capably filled by player-coach **Eric Lesbirel**.

Up front the central position was won back by **George McMillan** from **Paul Halmel**. The tall centre forward was well shackled by **Nigel Daniels** but managed to convert one of three goalscoring chances to give Preston the winner.

Despite playing with the wind Gully adopted a cautious 4-2-2 in the first half and failed to threaten Laumets a goal although they had more of the play.

At the other end **Lou Denys** stopped shots from **Steve Beech** and **John Bernard** in the first 20 minutes before succumbing to a goal by **Chris Glennon** on the half hour.

The match slid into a foregone conclusion for the rest of the half and could have been even more so when **McMillan** added a second four minutes after the restart, brilliantly lobbing over **Denys** from inside the penalty area.

But instead, the goal seemed to sting the Gully players who started to put it together with a fair bit of running off the ball. **Steve Beech** could have pulled a goal back when **Nigel Daniels'** free kick was headed on by **Tribuzio** and fell nicely to the lanky striker but he blasted the ball over the bar from a good position.

Vassallo reduced the arrears when he controlled **Ian McCarthy's** pass outside the area (suspiciously with the aid of a hand) and bulldozed his way past two defenders before shooting past **Laumets**.

Gully continued to press from then on and did manage to create openings without scoring the all important goal.

For **Green Gully** apart from **Vassallo**, **John Patten** played well after switching from the backline to midfield and **Nigel Daniels** had a good game at centre back. For **Preston** **Lesbirel** was mainly responsible for holding Gully out in the second half, and **Beech** was steady at fullback.

State League team of week

LEWIS (2) (Altona)	LOWE (5) (Mak)	LESDIREL (4) (Mak)	VALLI (1) (Hak)
J. DAVIDSON (1) (Albi)	WATTERS (1) (Altona)	VASSALLO (1) (Gully)	
POCOCK (3) (Suns)	MACGREGOR (3) (Frank)	REED (4) (Geo)	

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COLE LEADS THE SCORING



Dixie Deans (Adelaide Juventus).



Terry Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Gary Cole, 22, of Fitzroy Alexander, is the top goalscorer of the Philips League on aggregate over the two seasons of the league's existence.

Cole, who was capped for Australia for the first time against Greece this year, has 26 goals in league and Cup games — three more than second-placed Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs.

Counting league games only, Cole leads with 22 goals. Eaton and Dixie Deans of Adelaide City Juventus are equal second with 21.

Alexander bought Cole from Victorian State League club Ringwood City Wilhelmina at the start of 1976.

He had earlier played for Victoria and the Australian under 23 team which also featured John Kosmina, Todd Clarke, John Nyskohus, Gary Byrne and Gary Marocchi.

Cole's team mate at Alexander, Jim Campbell, is fifth on the aggregate scorers' list — a high ranking indeed for a midfielder.

The goalscoring performances of Dixie Deans and Duncan Cummings (South Melbourne Hellas) have been quite remarkable as neither has played for the full

two seasons.

Deans joined Juventus well into 1977 and missed the early part of 1978, yet is still the third highest scorer.

Similarly, Cummings missed much of 1977 and part of this season due to injury, yet has still notched 15 goals. Had he played in more games, he would certainly have been among the leaders.

Like Cole, Cummings is young and has many more PSL seasons ahead of him. These two, together with Marconi's Peter Sharne should become the pacesetters on the scorers' list.

Top scorers in the Philips Cup competition are Branko Culina (Essendon Croatia), Tony Henderson (Canberra), Branko Buljevic (Alexander) and Gary Cole, with four goals each.

The following scorers' lists were compiled before last weekend's matches. Goals scored in the Marconi v West Adelaide Hellas semi-final should be added.

TOP SCORERS

22. Cole.
21. Eaton, Deans.
19. Smith, O'Connor.
18. J. Campbell.
17. Barnes.
16. Ollerton, J.
15. Buljevic.
14. E. Campbell.
13. Mariani, (Norris).
12. McGregor.
11. Ristovski.
10. Marocchi.

TOP SCORERS

4. Culina (Essendon Croatia), Cole (Fitzroy Alexander), Boziskas (Altona), Johnston (Fitzroy Alexander), E. Campbell (Adelaide City Juventus), C. Eaton (West Adelaide Hellas), Speers (Bris Lions), Kosmina (Bris Lions).

TOP SCORERS ON AGGREGATE

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL
	'78	'77	Finals '77 & '78		
77&78					
Gary Cole (Alexander)	11	11	0	4	26
Clive Eaton (West Sub)	14	7	0	2	23
Dixie Deans (Ad. C. Juve)	5	16	0	0	21
Terry Smith (Hakoah)	5	14	0	2	21
Jim Campbell (Alexander)	12	6	0	2	20
Phil O'Connor (St.Geo)	11	8	0	0	19
Branko Buljevic (Alexander)	6	9	0	4	19
Peter Sharne (Marconi)	6	9	1	3	19
Murray Barnes (Hakoah)	4	12	1	18	
John Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve)	7	9	0	1	17
Ernie Campbell (Hakoah)	8	6	1	2	17
Peter Ollerton (Marconi)	9	6	1	0	16
Duncan Cummings (S. Mel. Hellas)	10	3	1	1	15
Ken Boden (Newcastle)	14	0	0	1	15
Bertie Mariani (Marconi)	6	7	0	2	15
Ivan Grujic (Canberra)	9	4	0	2	15
Geoff Morris (Bris Lions)	3	10	0	1	14
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)	9	4	0	1	14
Neville Morgan (St.Geo)	6	8	0	0	14
Ian McGregor (W.Ad.Hellas)	7	5	0	2	14
Graeme Norris (W.Ad.Hellas)	4	9	0	1	14
John Kosmina (W.Ad.Hellas)	0	12	0	2	14
Bill Pirie (Olympic)	6	7	0	0	13
Mendo Ristovski (J.U.S.T.)	3	8	0	1	12
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)	11	1	0	0	12
Jimmy Rooney (Marconi)	4	7	0	1	12
Brian Northcote (Ad.C.Juve)	4	7	0	1	12
Gary Marocchi (Ad.C.Juve)	5	5	0	1	11
Peter Hensman (St. Geo.)	7	3	0	1	11
Paul Laszlo (Brisb Lions)	3	5	0	2	10
Terry Byrne (Canberra)	9	0	0	1	10
Joe Palinkas (J.U.S.T.)	4	6	0	0	10
John Stevenson (Hakoah)	5	5	0	0	10
Graham Honeyman (W.Ad.Hellas)	5	3	0	2	10



Murray Barnes (Hakoah) — in action for Australia against South Korea last year.

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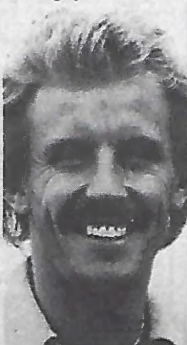


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Peter Sharne, Marconi's speedy striker.



Branko Culina equal top scorer.

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Essendon Croatia) —
the Philips Cup.



Gary Cole (Fitzroy-Alexander) — with 26 goals he is the PSL's
top scorer over the two years of the league's existence.



John Nyskohus (Adelaide Juventus) — playing in the Australian
colors against South Korea.



Terry Smith (Hakoah-East)



Branko Buljevic (Alexander), scorer of 19 PSL goals, is tackled
by George Harris (left) of St George.

Hakoah only team with 100 goals

All-time standings in the PSL —

		HOME					AWAY					G	P
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1. E. S. HAKOAH	1977 (1st)	26	8	3	2	30	16	5	8	0	22	12	37
	1978 (2nd)	26	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	26	17	35
	TOTAL:	52	15	5	5	57	26	13	11	3	48	29	105:55 72
2. MARCONI	1977 (2nd)	26	7	4	2	15	8	8	3	2	27	13	37
	1978 (4th)	26	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	6	16	17	30
	TOTAL:	52	15	7	4	45	22	12	6	8	43	30	88:52 67
3. W. A. HELLAS	1977 (7th)	26	3	5	5	18	20	5	5	3	20	12	26
	1978 (1st)	26	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13	36
	TOTAL:	52	12	6	8	42	34	12	8	6	38	25	80:59 62
4. ALEXANDER	1977 (3rd)	26	8	2	3	26	20	4	6	3	15	14	32
	1978 (5th)	26	5	3	5	17	15	4	5	4	22	24	26
	TOTAL:	52	13	5	8	43	35	8	11	7	37	38	80:73 58
5. A. C. JUVE.	1977 (4th)	26	7	3	3	29	13	5	4	4	21	18	31
	1978 (10th)	26	5	2	4	18	12	4	4	7	20	32	24
	TOTAL:	52	13	5	7	47	25	9	8	11	41	50	88:75 55
6. S. M. HELLAS	1977 (11th)	26	3	5	5	12	13	4	3	6	15	22	22
	1978 (3rd)	26	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	19	18	32
	TOTAL:	52	10	8	8	38	25	9	8	9	34	40	72:65 54
7. ST. GEORGE	1977 (6th)	26	5	7	1	21	13	2	7	4	18	22	28
	1978 (7th)	26	7	1	5	20	17	4	2	7	21	23	25
	TOTAL:	52	12	8	6	41	30	6	9	11	39	45	80:75 53
8. WEST. SUBS.	1977 (5th)	26	5	5	3	21	12	6	2	5	17	17	29
	1978 (9th)	26	6	4	3	25	18	3	2	8	16	27	24
	TOTAL:	52	11	9	6	46	30	9	4	13	33	44	79:74 53
9. BRIS. LIONS	1977 (9th)	26	6	3	4	18	17	3	2	8	9	24	23
	1978 (6th)	26	4	6	3	16	15	4	4	5	21	24	26
	TOTAL:	52	10	9	7	34	32	7	6	13	30	48	64:80 49
10. J.U.S.T.	1977 (8th)	26	6	3	4	24	19	3	3	7	12	20	24
	1978 (12th)	26	2	3	8	17	21	5	5	3	12	16	22
	TOTAL:	52	8	6	12	41	40	8	8	10	24	36	65:76 46
11. OLYMPIC	1977 (12th)	26	5	3	5	18	19	2	4	7	7	19	21
	1978 (8th)	26	3	3	8	17	26	6	4	2	18	17	25
	TOTAL:	52	8	6	13	35	45	8	8	9	25	36	46
12. BRIS. CITY	1977 (10th)	26	6	3	4	16	10	2	3	8	14	25	22
	1978 (14th)	26	4	2	7	15	22	3	1	9	14	27	17
	TOTAL:	52	10	5	11	31	32	5	4	17	28	52	59:84 39
13. CANBERRA	1977 (13th)	26	3	3	7	13	19	2	4	7	9	20	17
	26	2	8	3	19	20	3	2	8	9	21	20	20
	TOTAL:	52	5	11	10	32	39	5	6	15	18	41	50:80 37
14. NEWCASTLE	1977	(Did not compete)											
	1978	26	3	6	4	19	20	3	4	6	14	20	33:40 22
15. MOOROOLBARK	1977 (14th)	26	2	5	6	17	24	3	0	10	14	37	31:61 15
	1978	(Did not compete)											

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JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Standings as at September 3:

Dandenong Region

UNDER 9 'A'

Mooreville 'A'	13	0	45	3	29
Castar 'A'	12	2	153	5	28
Knox City 'A'	12	2	40	10	24
Ring City 'A'	6	3	18	14	19
Croydon 'A'	6	2	18	23	14
Ring City 'A'	6	0	15	35	12
Waverley 'A'	2	1	13	37	4
F.T. Gully 'A'	0	2	13	47	2

UNDER 9 'B'

Mooreville 'B'	13	2	152	4	28
Castar 'B'	11	2	35	24	4
Mooreville 'B'	10	3	33	6	22
Castar 'B'	9	4	23	9	22
Knox City 'B'	5	6	12	21	16
Knox City 'B'	3	12	20	43	9
Croydon 'B'	4	3	16	29	11
Hillville 'B'	1	2	13	34	4
Box Hill 'B'	1	1	14	4	3

UNDER 10 'A'

Knox City 'A'	12	3	132	4	31
Waverley 'A'	12	3	141	11	28
Mooreville 'A'	10	3	33	6	22
Croydon 'A'	7	4	27	19	18
Box Hill 'A'	6	5	18	17	18
Waverley 'A'	7	1	20	27	15
Mooreville 'A'	4	5	12	29	13
Knox City 'A'	3	12	20	43	9
Ring City 'A'	0	2	15	4	3

UNDER 10 'B'

Castar 'B'	14	2	262	9	30
Berona 'B'	13	2	336	12	28
F.T. Gully 'B'	12	2	359	12	27
Waverley 'B'	11	2	452	24	24
Knox City 'B'	9	3	35	31	21
Mooreville 'B'	5	5	17	29	15
Knox City 'B'	6	1	11	16	23
Waverley 'B'	5	3	10	22	13
Croydon 'B'	0	18	5	94	0

UNDER 10 'C'

Dandy City 'C'	14	3	165	4	31
Box Hill 'C'	13	2	360	9	28
Dandy City 'C'	12	2	447	16	26
Lynfield 'C'	10	3	536	15	23
Karigall 'C'	11	6	32	9	23
Hampden Pk 'C'	4	9	10	41	14
Knox City 'C'	4	3	11	37	11
F.T. Gully 'C'	3	12	12	36	9
Dandy City 'C'	2	4	12	62	8
Ring City 'C'	1	5	12	4	2

UNDER 11 'A'

Croydon 'A'	15	2	151	16	32
Castar 'A'	14	3	147	11	31
Waverley 'A'	11	2	435	14	24
Ring City 'A'	6	7	52	22	19
Knox City 'A'	7	5	21	21	19
Berona 'A'	6	5	25	19	17
Croydon 'A'	4	12	27	17	10
Mooreville 'A'	3	10	16	33	10
Ring City 'A'	3	10	16	30	10
S. Vale 'A'	1	2	15	15	6

UNDER 11 'B'

Rth Dandy 'B'	10	3	340	16	23
Knox City 'B'	7	2	24	18	21
Mooreville 'B'	6	2	15	20	10
F.T. Gully 'B'	6	3	529	21	19
Castar 'B'	6	4	62	24	16
Knox City 'B'	6	2	27	30	14
Waverley 'B'	3	8	526	34	10
Box Hill 'B'	2	8	16	37	12
Lynfield 'B'	0	11	8	46	5

UNDER 11 'C'

Croydon 'C'	15	0	244	11	30
Mooreville 'C'	13	2	341	14	28
Croydon 'C'	8	4	512	29	10
Castar 'C'	7	5	412	25	19
Box Hill 'C'	2	7	44	29	18
Ring City 'C'	7	9	25	19	17
Waverley 'C'	7	1	10	20	36
Hillville 'C'	6	2	10	17	31
Hillville 'C'	4	13	16	29	9
Ring City 'C'	2	14	1	66	6

UNDER 12 'A'

Mooreville 'A'	11	2	58	19	27
Knox City 'A'	11	3	263	13	25
Ring City 'A'	10	2	437	26	22
Castar 'A'	8	5	35	16	21
S. Vale 'A'	7	6	30	38	17
Knox City 'A'	6	2	4	10	31
Croydon 'A'	2	4	10	15	29
Waverley 'A'	2	13	12	67	5
F.T. Gully 'A'	1	12	16	54	5

UNDER 12 'B'

Box Hill 'B'	12	1	342	20	25
Knox City 'B'	10	3	240	17	23
Mooreville 'B'	11	0	432	15	22
Waverley 'B'	9	2	526	16	20
Knox City 'B'	7	2	24	17	16
Berona 'B'	5	2	21	27	12
Ring City 'B'	2	5	14	26	9
Castar 'B'	3	12	16	51	7
Waverley 'B'	2	12	11	29	6

UNDER 12 'C'

Castar 'C'	15	0	165	8	30
Box Hill 'C'	12	3	136	11	27

Nth Dandy 'A'

Nth Dandy 'A'	12	1	3	61	11	25
Croydon 'A'	8	2	6	39	41	18
Croydon 'A'	6	2	8	29	37	14
Mooreville 'A'	7	0	9	24	32	14
Upper Yarra 'A'	3	1	19	60	7	7
Mooreville 'A'	2	3	11	59	7	7
Hawthorn 'A'	1	9	15	51	2	2

UNDER 13 'A'

Ring City 'A'	14	1	348	22	29
Knox City 'A'	13	2	256	19	24
Castar 'A'	11	2	40	16	24
Croydon 'A'	5	4	33	18	23
Waverley 'A'	8	3	22	26	10
Croydon 'A'	6	5	28	28	18
F.T. Gully 'A'	4	3	11	26	41
Box Hill 'A'	4	3	11	33	11
Knox City 'A'	3	13	20	46	8
Mooreville 'A'	3	13	15	53	7

UNDER 13 'B'

Lynfield 'B'	16	1	84	13	33
Castar 'B'	14	3	166	16	31
Knox City 'B'	10	2	59	29	22
Dandy City 'B'	4	5	20	21	17
Mooreville 'B'	5	2	15	35	42
Croydon 'B'	5	2	11	35	42
Berona 'B'	2	3	14	28	62
S. Vale 'B'	3	13	26	81	8

UNDER 13 'C'

Karigall 'C'	16	1	71	11	33
Waverley 'C'	13	2	61	12	29
Hillville 'C'	11	1	63	24	23
Knox City 'C'	9	4	50	25	22
Croydon 'C'	7	5	19	19	19
Knox City 'C'	4	8	26	37	16
Mooreville 'C'	3	12	13	59	9
Dingley 'C'	3	14	10	62	7
M. Grove 'C'	2	15	9	56	5

Western

Meadow Pk 'A'	14	1	56	6	32
Sun Hts 'A'	13	3	248	29	18
Albion 'A'	11	4	30	10	26
Albion 'A'	10	5	35	8	25
Essendon 'A'	11	2	59	13	24
Waverley 'A'	5	4	9	13	14
Knox City 'A'	5	2	11	15	12
Sun Hts 'A'	2	3	13	84	7
Mezzell 'A'	1	5	12	84	7
G. Gully 'A'	1	2	15	8	1

UNDER 10 'A'

Sun Hts 'A'	15	1	159	7	33
Sun Hts 'A'	15	1	24	9	31
G. Gully 'A'	14	2	60	11	30
Albion 'A'	7	4	73	27	18
Waverley 'A'	6	4	8	21	26
Keller 'A'	4	6	8	26	15
Melton 'A'	5	10	22	43	18
Mooreville 'A'	3	12	17	50	9
Albion 'A'	0	18	1	11	1

UNDER 11 'A'

Sun Hts 'A'	14	0	249	11	28
West Utd 'A'	12	2	45	8	28
Essendon 'A'	11	1	438	20	18
Waverley 'A'	7	1	20	24	18
Albion 'A'	7	1	36	21	17
Arden 'A'	4	2	10	18	14
Knox City 'A'	3	2	11	15	42
Melton 'A'	3	12	14	45	8
Waverley 'A'	3	12	13	54	7

UNDER 11 'B'

Juneeville 'B'	16	12	2	46	8	26
West Utd 'B'	11	1	1	45	15	22
G. Gully 'B'	10	9	4	39	10	22
Fawcett 'B'	10	9	4	39	10	22
Albion 'B'	16	8	2	28	15	18
Sunbury 'B'	10	6	3	12	15	18
St. Marks 'B'	16	10	6	47	11	11
Resana 'B'	16	4	0	18	0	50

UNDER 12 'A'

Albion 'A'	18	0	17	1	8	34
Carle 'A'	17	12	2	49	19	26
Sun Hts 'A'	18	1	3	30	22	25
Sun Hts 'A'	18	1	4	29	20	24
Melton 'A'	18	8	2	31	34	18
Karigall 'A'	17	7	1	19	25	14
G. Gully 'A'	17	7	0	11	23	54
Karigall 'A'	15	5	1	12	11	36
Albion 'A'	18	4	1	11	49	11
West Utd 'A'	16	0	18	0	18	5

UNDER 13 'A'

Albion 'A'	18	0	10	7	10	36
Sun Hts 'A'	18	15	1	25	13	31
Nth Dandy 'A'	18	9	3	28	28	19
Gleadow 'A'	18	9	1	51	31	18
Waverley 'A'	18	3	1	22	31	19
Sun Hts 'A'	18	7	2	9	58	18
G. Gully 'A'	18	6	2	10	38	42
Hillville 'A'	18	1	11	30	50	13
Sunbury 'A'	15	5	1	12	30	41
Bell Pk 'A'	18	1	0	17	18	107

UNDER 13 'B'

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West Newport forfeits points

West Newport under-12s (Western Region) have had all points and goals deducted for allegedly playing over-aged players.

Teams that dropped points to West Newport have been awarded victories for those games, and any goals scored against them by West Newport have been removed.

Only goals scored against West Newport still stand.

Doubt was cast on the ages of some of the West Newport players two months ago.

The club was then asked four times to appear before the JLMC disputes committee but failed to do so.

After being threatened with a \$300 fine, the club did appear and was given two weeks to prove the ages of certain players.

Again, it failed to do so, resulting in the disputes committee fining the club and deducting all points gained.

Western

Albion 'B'	8	2	6	29	37	18
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Albion 'B'	5	4	7	19	22	14
Sun Hts 'B'	3	4	25	30	29	18
Melton 'B'	4	2	10	22	79	3
Nth Dandy 'B'	1	14	7	83	3	3

Central

S'vale	9	2	5	24	21	20	
Devoton	6	4	6	13	24	16	
S'maris	7	2	7	9	25	16	
Dingley 'D'	6	3	7	16	37	15	Sth Melb
Dingley	4	3	9	8	39	11	Fawkner 'A'
Chelsoa	3	1	12	4	57	7	Meadow Pk
Mordiatloc	2	0	14	6	26	4	Town
							Coburg
							Eltham
							Ruscona 'A'
S'vale	15	3	0	77	1	33	G'boro
S'maris	13	3	2	59	7	29	S'wanden

Vlasits, Marston show value of experience



Joe Marston during his playing days.

The two Joes have done a great service to the coaching profession in Australia.

Step forward veteran coaches **Joe Marston** and **Joe Vlasits** for showing that experience is invaluable in coaching, as in all other professions.

It is their many years of coaching experience that has taken the ailing Sydney Olympic and St George BSC back to healthy mid-table positions after languishing hopelessly at the foot of the Philips League.

You would not go to a student dentist for a major tooth operation, or a rookie doctor for important surgery, yet that is just what many of our clubs do when they seek coaches.

This was seen at its most ludicrous with **Jimmy Shoulder's** appointment to the national coaching position.

Shoulder had never coached a team in his life, yet was given the nation's most difficult and important coaching job.

Warren is proving himself in Canberra and I have no doubt that Shoulder, if he sticks with the profession, will one day make a fine coach.



MIKE JOHNSON.

But no matter what the basic ability, there is no substitute for training and experience.

The mortality rate of coaches in Australia is so high that many coaches do not get the chance to gain experience.

Many, disillusioned by premature sackings, give the game away too soon to make way for another

rookie just out of the playing ranks.

In Europe the top coaches, such as **Schoen, Weisweiler, Cramer, Greenwood, Herrera** and others who are well into their 50's even 60's, are not thought of as over the hill, but rather in the prime of their careers.

I believe **Rale Rasic** was correct when he said some time ago that a coach does not hit his peak until he is 50.

Although I am still this side of 40 and part of the younger coaching brigade, I was extremely pleased to see the success of **Vlasits** and **Marston**.

These men previously had great coaching success, Marston with

Sydney's **APIA** and **Auburn**, **Vlasits** with **Prague**, **Canterbury** and of course the national team, yet both were virtually written off as coaching prospects for top sides, mainly because of their age when in fact that was one of their biggest assets.

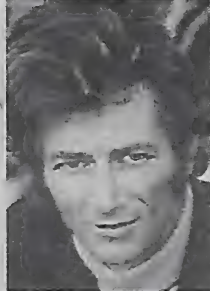
They are NSW's two most experienced coaches — with years of coaching ahead of them.

There must be similar tales in other States of experienced coaches put out to grass when they had served their apprenticeship and had their best years to come.

Perhaps the happy comeback of the two Joes will tempt them to give it another go.



Joe Vlasits — former national coach.



John Margaritis



Dave Maclaren



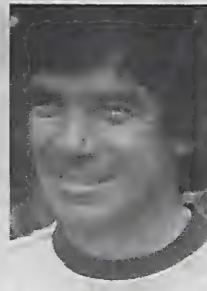
Mike Micevski



Gary Cole



Richie Bell



Johnny Warren

QUOTES OF THE YEAR

(PART TWO)

"I'm getting out because I don't want my coaching reputation ruined." — **John Margaritis**, now coach of **Fitzroy Alexander**, shortly after resigning as coach of **West Adelaide Hellas**. As the history books show, W.A. Hellas went on to WIN the PSL title, a feat which would not have done Margaritis' reputation any harm.

But he was on the right track later: "Marconi is not unbeatable, despite being a fine team. No team is unbeatable." — **Margaritis** said that at a time when Marconi was six points clear at the top and undefeated. The Alexander coach was right. Marconi was far from unbeatable.

"I predict big things for Peter Ollerton. He'll do better with Hellas this season because our midfield will be giving him the right sort of passes. In fact our midfield is better than that of the Australian national team." — **Dave Maclaren**, manager of **South Melbourne Hellas**. Maclaren later transferred Ollerton to Marconi after refusing to have him in the Hellas team.

"It's not worth playing for Australia. The last time I represented Australia I ended up being

sacked from my job!" **Mike Micevski**, the mid-fielder of **Fitzroy Alexander**.

"The difference between Marconi (which was then on top of the PSL) and our team (Alexander) is Jimmy Rooney. If we had him in the side we'd really go places." — **Gary Cole**, Alexander's blond striker. In the light of Rooney announcing his intentions to return to Melbourne soccer, Cole's opinion is interesting indeed. No doubt, Alexander will be desperate to sign the former Soccercoo captain.

"My price (\$15,000) is ridiculous. No player in Australia is worth more than \$5,000" — **Richie Bell**, the Sydney Olympic and Soccercoo defender. However, soccer clubs thought otherwise and it was another season of astronomical transfer fees. The \$30,000 Brisbane Lions paid Grange Thistle (Queensland State League club) for Jim Hermon topped the bill.

"It's always dangerous making predictions, but I feel Mark Jankovics will be the difference between Marconi finishing champion and runner-up in 1978." — **Johnny Warren**, coach of Canberra City and 'Soccer Action' columnist. His theory carried some weight, for Mar-

coni's slide coincided with Jankovics being sidelined through injury.

"Not one of the people who hit me squared up in front of me. They all got me from behind, which says something about their cowardice."

— 'Soccer bash' referee **David Yelland**, commenting on the way he was attacked by irate spectators.

"Most young players in Australia aren't brought up correctly. They are taught to tackle hard and run non-stop, when the skills of soccer are what they should be learning and practising." — **Frank Micic**, coach of Hakoah St. Kilda (Victorian State League).

"We're not good enough for the State League."

We'd have to get at least six players if we were going to get anywhere." — **Freddy Bunce**, then coach of Ringwood. The astute Bunce was on the ball, as Ringwood struggled.

"I want to apologise to Canberra City's committee, coach John Warren, and last, but in no way least, the club's wonderful supporters who would do any team proud. But I refuse to apologise to the rowdy element in

the crowd who, like me when I was sent off the field, brought soccer down." — Marconi's **Ray Richards**. His apology to Canberra after being sent off in a game against the ACT club was one of the most sporting gestures of the year.

"My conclusion is that the (Sydney) Olympic president should gather his committee, apply some commonsense, and perhaps fine THEM \$250 for doing an injustice to the players." — **Rale Rasic**, coach of Marconi. Rasic was commenting on Olympic's plan to fine the players \$250 each for the lack of effort. Rale pointed to the committee, which went through six coaches in 1 1/4 seasons as the real culprits.

"The 'British Mafia' was responsible for picking the team last week." — **Johnny Warren**, coach of Canberra City. The former Soccercoo captain reacted after his team's 1-2 home defeat to Sydney Olympic, which brought boos from City's fans.

"Clubs should be honest and stop covering up their debts. We may be broke, but at least we haven't gone heavily into debt just to save face." — **Russell Wilson**, president of hard-up Victorian State League club Albion Leyland.



Dave Yelland



Frank Micic



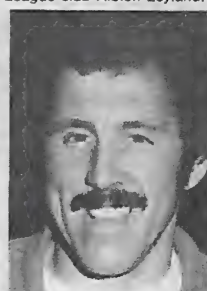
Fred Bunce



Rale Rasic



Russell Wilson



Ray Richards.

Three clubs want Rooney

South Melbourne, Fitzroy and Footscray are interested in signing Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who will return to Melbourne at the end of the year.

"We should seriously consider Rooney. Our midfield hasn't been the strongest this season," South Melbourne president **Sam Pappasavas** said.

"I am certainly interested in talking to Rooney," said Fitzroy boss **Jim Mangopoulos**.

"Rooney would be a valuable asset to any team," was the comment of Footscray president **Tony Kovac**.

OUT FOR LIFE

The Australian Soccer Federation, has informed FIFA that the following players have been suspended from playing soccer for life.

John Constantinovits, Olympia SC, Hobart, Tasmania, and **D. Antonovic**, Sunnyside United SC, Queensland.

With the latter player, the suspension is extended to cover holding any official position with any club.

MIKE O'HARA

SEEKS A

NEW CLUB

Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** is looking for a new club.

O'Hara, 30, has not been happy sitting on the bench as understudy for **Dennis Boland**.

O'Hara transferred early this year from State League club Hakoah but played only seven senior games for J.U.S.T.

He believes he is good enough to be the No. 1 goalkeeper at another club.

O'Hara represented Victoria against Midlandbrough last year.

He was also in the Victorian squad against AS Roma in the mid-sixties.

Before coming to Australia he played in England for Swindon and Luton Town.

He played for Slavia in between two stints with Hakoah.



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Sultana best at Monash

T. Sultana won the senior best and fairest award of Latrobe Valley (Vic) club Monash which celebrated its 20th anniversary at a dance last week.

The mayor of Moe, Cr Tabuteau, presented Sultana with his trophy.

Other winners were: Reserve best and fairest: M. Jackson.

Second Division best and fairest: D. Hankinson.

Third Division best and fairest: B. Sostak.

Best clubman (committee): Mrs N. Nash.

Best clubman (non-committee): Miss B. Nash. Life membership was bestowed on J. Irvine, a former secretary and foundation member of Monash.



Monash's best and fairest players, from left: M. Jackson (reserves), T. Sultana (seniors), B. Sosta (Third Division). Second Division winner D. Hankinson not pictured.



Jim Irvine (left) receives a life membership certificate from Monash president G. Peel. Irvine is a foundation member of the club.



Monash women's team, from left, back row: L. Samson, J. Parker, B. Nash, K. Farmer, B. Cornell. Front: Y. Winkelman, C. Bird, L. Iernce.



Monash's best clubman awards were won by mother and daughter, Mrs N. Nash (left) and B. Nash.

Rovers climb again



Doncaster Rovers (Vic) have achieved promotion for the second consecutive year under coach Norm Hobson.

Rovers finished second to South Melbourne Hellas in the Third Division, and will play in Second Division next season.

The senior and reserve teams are pictured. The seniors (top) are, from left, rear: G. McIntosh (coach), N. Hobson (senior coach); middle row: P. Williams, S. Gadd, R. Forsyth, E. Long, A. DeRosier, E. Anselma, I. Humble; front row: G. Lioke, P. Boardman, A. Copeland (captain), A. Williams, K. Humble. Absent: T. Teer.

The reserves (above) are, from left, back row: A. Alexander (assistant coach), K. McLenan, S. O'Loughlin, J. Brongest, K. Alexander; middle row: G. McIntosh (coach), T. Pearson (team manager), G. Rankin, A. Blondel, M. Allen, A. Casson, B. Carroll, N. Hobson (senior coach); front row: W. Boehm, S. McIntosh, G. Shaw (captain), D. Gow, R. Hughes.

... the world of soccer



Slow start for John Greig's men

This is the new Glasgow Rangers squad assembled by manager John Greig who has taken over from Jock Wallace. The squad has had a slow start to the Scottish Premier League season.

From left, back row:

Alexander Miller, Derek Parlane, Colin Jackson, Peter McCloy, Stewart Kennedy, Tom Forsyth, Kenny Watson, Alan Boyd. Middle row: Tommy Craig (physiotherapist), Eric Morris, Steve Richardson, Ralph Brand, Derek John-

stone, Gordon Smith, Davie Armour, Alastair Dawson, Jim Denny, Joe Mason (coach). Front row: John Greig (manager), Billy McKay, Cliff Robertson, Tommy McLean, Sandy Jardine, John MacDonald, Dave Cooper, Alex MacDonald, Bobby Russell, Derek Strickland.



From left to right, from top: Bobby Russell, Jim Denny, Tommy McLean, Derek Strickland.



Left to right, from top: Colin Jackson, Alex MacDonald, Davie Armour, Derek Parlane.



Left to right, from top: Alastair Dawson, Peter McCloy, Billy Mackay, Steve Richardson.

17,000 kids take part in Norway Cup

From OLA CHR. NISSEN, Norwegian FA

The "Norway Cup" is an international football tournament, taking place in Oslo every summer for girls and boys, aged 10-18, probably the biggest tournament in the world.

This year's tournament was the 6th in a row.

In the first "Norway Cup", 420 teams took part, while this year, 932 teams with about 17,000 players participate.

150 teams had to be refused.

The games were played in the period July 31 - August 5.

190 referees led the 1,820 games throughout the week.

Approximately 200 teams came from foreign countries, from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany FR, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland, USA and Brazil.

The matches were played on two of the biggest areas for football in Oslo: Ekberg with 20 fields and Abildso with 5 fields.

As hard rain made some problems on one of the match days, the artificial turf field, Jordal, was also used for some of the games.

The finals were played at the Olympic Stadium Bislett.

The official opening was held by the Lord Mayor of Oslo, Mr Albert Nordengen, who also was host for a

reception in the town hall of Oslo.

The town of Oslo is happy about the "Norway Cup" and 30 schools were opened for accommodation.

The participants are all given free travel by tram and bus during the week.

About 10,000 players ordered three meals a day, which were served in the Ekberg Hall.

Bækkelaget Sportsclub is the organiser of the tournament, and the newspaper Dagbladet and Pepsi Co. are sponsors.

Winners of this year's tournament were: Class A (boys born after 1.8.59):

MOLDE, Norway. Class B (boys born after 1.8.61):

VIGERSLEV, Denmark. Class C (boys born after 1.8.63):

CA PAULISTINHA, Brazil. Class D (girls born after 1.8.59):

STROMMEN, Norway. Class Q (girls born after 1.8.61):

ROSKILDE, Denmark. Class R (girls born after 1.8.61):

AS, Denmark. The 1970 Norway Cup will take place July 30 to August 4. Address: "Norway Cup", Box 44, Bekkelagshøgda, Oslo 11.

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... the world of Libya kicked out of world youth series for cheating

The qualifying series for the 1979 FIFA World Youth Tournament, in which Australia will take part, has started with a storm of controversy in Africa.

Four Libyan players — **Cur Mohamed Serri, Bachir Nabi G.,**

Glentoran's Cup draw

REYKJAVIK — IBV of Iceland drew 0-0 with Glentoran of Northern Ireland in the first leg of a European Football Union (UEFA) Cup first round tie here.

The return game is on September 14.

Fitouri Rejab and Abdel Salem Magrebi were suspended for one year from all matches organised by the CAF for having taken part in a competition for which they knew they were not qualified.

A statement issued by the CAF reads: "If the sporting spirit and loyalty are to reign in sport, we think that ideally this should be the case at the level of young people whom we have the responsibility of training

physically and morally."

Players taking part in the FIFA Youth Tournament must have been born on or after August 1, 1959.

Australia's qualifying matches against New Zealand, Taiwan and Fiji will be played in late November.

If Australia wins the round, it will travel to South America in February for further qualifying games.

The finals will be in Japan next July.

CROATIA INTO FINAL F COCA COLA CUP

CROATIA 2 (Hayes 85th, Pope 89th) CUMBERLAND 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Coca Cola Cup semi-final.

Player ratings:

CROATIA: Przybylski 8, Williams 6, Ivanov 6, Holland 6, Kotlar 5, Pope 7, Harrow 6, Rogusic 6 (Bendall), Jordan 7, Thomson 6, Hayes 7.

CUMBERLAND: Parks 7, Leane 6, Harvey 6 (Reeves), Stuart 6, Ball 6, Evans 6, Pankhurst 6, Dobney 6, Leane 7, Welsh 7, Mahoney 6.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Croatia smashed their way into the South Australian Coca Cola Cup final with a crunching 2-0 win over champions Cumberland at Hindmarsh Stadium.

But it was such a dull, crude match that they hardly have their fans flocking to Hindmarsh for the final between the winner of Saturday's match between Azzurri and Polonia.

Adelaide City coach **Lee Scheffling** saw the match but I didn't see him reaching for his cheque book.

Croatia looked dangerous early but **Charles Harrow** and **Bruno Kotlar** let Cumberland off the hook.

The last 35 minutes were about as interesting as watching paint dry.

Croatia certainly had the edge and deserved to be a goal ahead but there was very little fluency in their play.

The second half started as quietly but Cumberland defender **Brian Harvey** almost headed into his own net when he attempted a desperate clearance in the 50th minute.

The battle of the defences intensified and some of the most crude soccer seen all season was coming thick and fast.

Cumberland's captain and star defender **Mike Ball** whacked the ball aimlessly out of the ground and Kotlar did the same for Croatia.

It was hit and run football from two sides that had played so well in a Federation Cup semi final only a month ago.

At the other end of the ground **Tony Jordan** and **Brian Rogusic** attempted to bustle their way through Cumberland's defence with muscle but someone forgot to tell them the idea was to control the ball occasionally.

But with the end of normal time approaching, the good soccer finally came.

Cumberland's **Brian Welsh** added a touch of flair with a delicate move in the 81st minute when he swept past four defenders but his shot was cleared off the line.

It was a close call for Croatia and within minutes, they responded with a smashing goal from **Terry Hayes**.

Hayes darted through the middle of the ground and fired a pile-driver into the roof of the net from 30 metres.

Cumberland's barrier had fallen with five minutes left and Croatia blasted another hole in their defensive wall when **Hayes** slipped a ground pass to **John Pope** who made no mistake from close range.

Cumberland could not argue with the final score, but having played well all season and failing to achieve the treble, they were obviously disappointed.

With Azzurri favored to beat Polonia, the final could well be worth the 25 cents bus ride to Hindmarsh.



Croatia - (SA) goalkeeper Jack Przybylski saves, with David Mahoney (No. 11), David Leane (9) and Jamie Thompson (Croatia) looking on.

Abonyi's men grab \$5000

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Sydney Croatia has 5000 good reasons to celebrate winning the NSW Rothmans State League Soccer premiership.

By defeating Monaro 2-0 at Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday, Croatia wrapped up the premiership for the second time and also collected prizemoney of \$5,000 from Rothmans.

The loss was a costly one for Monaro because they have now been joined by Auburn in the battle for the fourth semi-final spot.

Both teams are on 29 points but Monaro have two matches left, whereas Auburn have only one.

At Abonyi scored Croatia's first goal in the 42nd minute after a good lead-up work.

In the 80th minute, Maurice Sullivan found the back of the net after he had fooled the defence with a run inside the penalty area.

Sutherland held on to second place with a 2-0 win over Manly at Cramer Park.

In the 32nd minute, Peter Beggs took advantage of a defensive error and put Sutherland ahead with a low drive.

Sutherland sealed the result in the 87th minute when Mark Harrington scored from six metres following excellent build-up work by Beggs.

Auburn can thank Marrickville Olympic's Sweeper, Harry Xipolitas for an own goal which gave them a 2-1 victory at Gariside Park.

Auburn hit the lead in the seventh minute of the first half with a goal by Bruce Till. He hit a powerful shot from outside the area after receiving a short pass from Willie Hamilton.

In the 38th minute, Peter Katholos found Ross Brown outside the box with a corner kick and the Olympic striker drove the ball into the net to pull the score back to 1-1.

Ten minutes later, Andy Tracey made a spectacular run down the left flank brushing aside three Olympic defenders before Xipolitas, trying to clear the ball, pushed it into his own net.

APIA defeated Bankstown 2-0 in a scrappy game at the Soccer Centre.

APIA's win was not impressive as Bankstown had three regular first graders, Craig Peck, Paul Thompson and Dennis Bailey out.

APIA scored in the 20th minute when Bob Fryer picked up a loose ball and pushed it past the Bankstown keeper Terry Gredy.

In the 74th minute, Neil Williams cleared on the line for Bankstown.

but in the 89th minute he scored an own goal.

Bob McGinn, the APFA centre back, kicked a long ball down the middle and found John Doyle unmarked. Doyle kicked the ball to Billy Griffith but somehow, the ball struck Neil Williams on the leg and it deflected past Gredy to make the score two nil.

Melita scored two early goals to pave the way for a slender, but well-deserved 2-1 victory over Yugal at Concord Oval.

In the fifth minute of the first half, Joe Farrugia headed past Andy Mandrides following a corner kick by Colin McAusland.

Only 60 seconds later, Terry Jones made it 2-0 after a good cross by Brian Parker to set Melita on the road to victory.

Tommy Mihajlovic reduced Melita's lead with a well-taken goal in the 60th minute.

Mihajlovic took a rebound, the slammed it past Bracklow from well outside the box.

For Melita, Parker and McAusland were by far the best players. Yugal's best player was Mihajlovic.

Arnccliffe, with a convincing 4-1 victory over Granville at Seymour Shaw Park, boosted their claims of staying in first division.

Arnccliffe took the lead after four minutes when fullback Greg Warner scored from close range.

Granville failed to mark their opponents closely and this allowed Alan Bankhead and Frank Hall ample time in the midfield to keep Arnccliffe pushing forward.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, referee Brian Fowler dismissed Granville's Larry Bates after an incident with the linesman and

Arnccliffe's task was made much easier.

Five minutes later Frank Hall added a second for Arnccliffe and although Jim Harrow replied for Granville from the penalty spot in the 25th minute his team never looked like holding Arnccliffe.

John Muskovits put Arnccliffe further ahead in the 30th minute.

A hat trick of goals by Jim Izatt highlighted Toongabbie's 4-1 win over Avila at Gariside Park on the Saturday.

Izatt, the former Sydney Olympic utility player, scored his first goal in the 26th minute after Steve Pollard was fouled in the penalty area. His other goals were also from penalties for handling infringements by the Avila defence.

But it was Pollard who put Toongabbie on their winning way with a fine solo goal in the 9th minute.

Avila's only goal came right on half time when Toongabbie defender Neil Taylor, attempting to clear, headed into his own goal.

Toongabbie were best served by Ricky Hormazabal, Carlos Ortega, Pollard, Izatt and Hector Garfe.

Defender Steve Deller and midfielder Branko Kodar had strong games for Avila.



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Zamora dies, 77

BARCELONA, Spain — Ricardo Zamora (pictured), one of the world's greatest goalkeepers, died here last Friday. He was 77.

Zamora played for Spain in 46 international games during a 16-year international career in

Women's meeting

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association will have its annual meeting in Room 409, 4th floor, V.R.I. Flinders Street, at 8pm on October 25. Clubs that fail to attend will be fined \$20.

Participants:		Club teams:		National/Selection teams from:	
		Coventry City, England		Japan National Team	
		1. FC Köln, Germany FR		Thailand National Team	
		Borussia Mönchengladbach, Germany FR		Korea Rep. National Team	
		S.E. Palmeiras, Brazil		Japan Selection Team	
Group I					
21.5.78	1. FC Köln v. Thailand National Team		5:1		
	Coventry City v. Japan National Team		1:0		
23.5.78	Japan National Team v. Thailand National Team		3:0		
	Coventry City v. 1. FC Köln		1:1		
25.5.78	Coventry City v. Thailand National Team		1:0		
	1. FC Köln v. Japan National Team		1:1		
Classification:					
	1. Coventry City	2	1	0	3:1 5
	2. 1. FC Köln	1	2	0	7:3 4
	3. Japan National Team	1	1	1	4:2 3
	4. Thailand National Team	0	0	3	1:9 0
Group II					
20.5.78	S.E. Palmeiras v. Korea Rep. National Team		1:0		
21.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. Japan Selection Team		1:0		
23.5.78	S.E. Palmeiras v. Japan Selection Team		1:1		
	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. Korea Rep. National Team		4:3		
25.5.78	Korea Rep. National Team v. Japan Selection Team		3:0		
	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. S.E. Palmeiras		1:1		
Classification:					
	1. Borussia M'gladbach	2	1	0	6:4 5
	2. S.E. Palmeiras	1	2	0	3:2 4
	3. Korea Rep. National Team	1	0	2	6:5 2
	4. Japan Selection Team	0	1	2	1:5 1
Semi-Finals					
27.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. 1. FC Köln		2:1		
	S.E. Palmeiras v. Coventry City		1:0		
Final					
29.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. S.E. Palmeiras		1:1		
				(after extra-time)	

DELLA ROCCA SENT OFF

HAKOAH ST. KILDA O JUVENTUS O.

HAKOAH: Whiteside, Owens injured (Craig), Baker, Dosen, Valli injured (Jordanou), Gibson, Blair, Gadsby, Clary, French, Nagy.

JUVENTUS: Graham, Della Rocca (sent off), Walker, Pfisterer, Symington, Sabidussi, Sabidini, Sannipoli, Watkins, Peponidis (C. Lucchesi), Hotsen.

For only the second time in 16 years of senior soccer, Juventus veteran Pat Della Rocca was sent off.

However, Della Rocca still has an impressive record. He's never been suspended, and Juve is hopeful that the burly defender is pardoned when he faces the disciplinary tribunal tonight (Wednesday).

Hakoah slipped up against Juve, as a win would have sealed the St Kilda club's place in the top four.

The forward line of Mike Clary, Les Nagy and Graham French failed to get going, and when they did penetrate, Juve goalkeeper Hugh Graham had all covered.

Chris Valli played well for Hakoah, and Bill Whiteside was excellent whenever called upon.

The Juve players fought hard for the ball and were obviously intent to prove they are better than when Hakoah thrashed them 5-0 earlier in the season.



Juventus goalkeeper Hugh Graham goes up to take the ball ahead of Hakoah striker Mike Clary. In the background are Steve Walker and Graham French.

ALF ATTARD RETIRES

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

ALBION LEYLAND 1 (McCormack) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Reed, Paparas).

ALBION: Oliver, Campbell, Blair, McCusky, Nisbet, Davidson, Mitten, D'Silva (Quinn), McIntyre, McCormack, Greenan (Dapertis).
GEORGE CROSS: Mattson, Cutajar, Maitland, Webb, Barron, Wilkinson, Castello, Mirak, Cullen, Reed, Paparas.
After 10 years as president of George Cross, Alf Attard is set to retire.
The pressure of the job,

plus need for a change influenced his decision.

Candidates for the presidency are Paul Borg, Alf Zahra and Joe Borg-Guzman. George Cross grabbed another two-point haul with goals by Ken Reed and the persistent Jim Paparas.
Bill McCormack replied for Albion.



Alf Attard

John Davidson was the star for Albion, working like a beaver in the midfield. Steve Blair and Jeff Oliver were also good.

Reed once again gave his all and took his goal tally for the year to 13.

Both clubs were disappointed with the exaggerated reports of crowd trouble. Several George fans became angry after Robert Mirak was felled by Bill McIntyre, but officials soon restored order.

Player of the week

GEORGE WATTERS of Altona City is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

THREE VIE FOR AWARD

Tommy Cumming of Croatta and Slavia pair John Zvendorn and Steve Short are vying for the honor of being the 'Soccer Action' Riverdale Travel State League player of the year.

With one round of championship matches remaining, Cumming and Zvendorn lead the field with 21 votes, followed by Short on 20.

Bill Whiteside of Hakoah, with 18 votes, can also win the award.

Bill McClymont of Makondora has 17 votes, but can't overhaul Cumming and Zvendorn.

Of the leaders, only Whiteside polled votes in last week's games. In the result of a tie, the player with the most

votes will win.

Leading votegetters: 21. Tommy Cumming (Cro) five 3s, two 2s and two 1s. J. Zvendorn (Slavia) five 3s and three 2s.

20. S. Short (Slavia) three 3s, three 2s and five 1s.

18. Whiteside (HFK) five 3s, one 2 and one 1.
17. B. McClymont (Mak) four 3s, two 2s and one 1.



Frankton player coach, former Soccerroo Sandy Irvine, tackles Croatta winger Tommy Cumming. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

He even beat Kokoska

From page 6

The stars for Frankton were Gordon MacGregor (man of the match) and Alan Kerr.

MacGregor has proven his critics (including his writer) wrong. The former Mooroolbark striker ran and fought for the ball all day.

He surprised by winning many battles, his slickness opened spaces, and he was excellent at coming downfield to give his defenders and midfielders someone to look for. It was a great performance.

Youngster Mark Dall was another of Frankton's workhorses. Although he made several blunders when in good position, his enthusiasm and fighting spirit were not dampened. He continually put himself into the fray in the forward line.

Goalkeeper Frank Petersen deserves a pat on the back. He joked before the game that he hoped he didn't have to pick the ball out of the net too many times, but he dealt capably with high balls and shots at goal, despite getting kicked on the hand when saving at the feet of Alan Kerr early in the game.

Gillespie cut Eddie Krncovic and Carl Gilder out of the game in the second half, after the two had looked menacing in the first 45 minutes.

But Frankton's midfield trio of Parrott, Fox and Ged Bannan were inspiring. They played some freak passes from the middle of the park. The only criticism of the three was that on occasions they fell out of the game.

Croatia's Yake Banovic made several line saves. He's a goalkeeper with class and the score for Frankton would have been higher if not for him.

Gardiner was impressive coming forward, although he must take some of the blame for the ball and Croatia gets a throw in.

His accurate chips and free kicks gave Croatia many scoring opportunities in the first half, although in the second 45 minutes he played fairly defensively, with

the exception of a late venture into the midfield in the hope of forcing an equaliser.

Tommy Cumming tried hard all day, and made some good moves. Croatia experimented by using three men up front.

Gilder and Gilder - and the move looked like paying off in the first half, but the two targets men faded out.

Frankton's Norrie Campbell on the forward line for his first game since the end of Brian Edgely's reign as coach of Frankton, but he looked like a fish out of water.

Ante Blavica's leg injury hadn't improved enough for him to come back into the side so Ken Murphy stayed at full back.

Branko Culina came in for his first full game for many weeks but through unchallenged and smash an attacking midfielder but didn't link up at all with the forwards.

Here are some of the highlights.

Sixth minute - Krncovic volleys a corner kick into a rack of players in the goalmouth, and soon after is narrowly over with a header from a Banovic.

11th minute - Croatia pushes up to try to catch Frankton offside, but Ged Bannan's perfectly-timed pass allows Fox to run through unchallenged and smash a volley past Banovic from 18 metres to give Frankton the lead 1-0.

20th minute - Croatia, attempting to play the ball out of defence, gets in a muddle. Dall's brilliant save after Fox puts a ball into space from the flank for Murphy. The ball flies over Krncovic's head to MacGregor, who has the easy task of beating Banovic.

22nd minute - Gilder heads just over from Gardiner's free kick.

27th minute - Parrott plays a superb diagonal ball to Dall, cutting Murphy out of the game, but the younger loses control of the ball and Croatia gets a throw in.

30th minute - Cumming shows he's still a threat by accelerating past Ged Bannan and firing into the side netting.

37th minute - Kokoska powers a strong header into the net from a Cumming corner. Vince Bannan is helpless on the post as the ball enters the net above his shoulder.

40th minute - Murphy feeds the ball to Culina, who ticks inside to Krncovic, but he's swamped by Frankton defenders.

45th minute - Frankton answers back with a strike as a pass from Parrott to run onto with no defenders between him and the goal. (This highlighted Croatia's vulnerability to quick, long balls). However, Parrott was caught by the faster Murphy inside the penalty area and dispossessed.

53rd minute - In a simple, but deadly move, Irvine plays a pass out of defence from a corner to MacGregor. The blond forward brilliantly curls and strikes a pass for Parrott to run onto with no defenders between him and the goal. (This highlighted Croatia's vulnerability to quick, long balls). However, Parrott was caught by the faster Murphy inside the penalty area and dispossessed.

60th minute - Parrott plays a great pass for MacGregor. He takes the ball forward with only one Croatia defender in sight. He draws the defender - Gardiner - then slips the ball to Dall. He's 10 metres out, but Banovic saves the shot.

62nd minute - Cumming goes just wide with a drive, and shortly after Gillespie clears off the line from Kerr.

65th minute - Banovic makes a brilliant save after Fox puts a ball into space from the flank for MacGregor to run on to. The Croat defender reacts quickly to MacGregor's attempted lob.

68th minute - Kerr floors Parrott with a left hook, and the former Footscray man is taken off.

75th minute - Dall makes a lovely run on the flank, then cuts the ball back for Ged Bannan, who blazes over from a good position.

Croatia has the better of the final 15 minutes, pinning Frankton in the hope of snatching an equaliser.

It's close for second place

By RON DARLINGTON

Round 18 of the Victorian Industrial League championship programme settled most of the outstanding championship and relegation issues but not all of them. Still undecided is the championship of Division 3 East where Keeley United came with a late run but must now await the outcome of next week's CBC Bank v Lysaght match.

CBC Bank can't even finish runners-up but by winning can prevent Lysaght, the team they have vied with all season, from taking off the championship.

The league champions are Pegasus who were hard pressed to win at Roman Leathersgoods 3-2, but who will finish runners-up in Division 1 as anyone's guess.

RACV who went down 3-0 to Tarax 'A' for whom Miles Amosov scored a hat-trick, can like Tarax 'A', finish the season with 23 points.

Meko Holdings who have three games to play can also make 23 points to avoid the drop and make it three in a row when the beat Bosch Dynamo 'A' 3-2. The Dynamos are another team who haven't been doing too well recently, having 2 defeats and 3 draws in their last 5 matches.

Ansett are the champions of Division 2 with Diecraft runners-up. Ansett made sure of the championship by winning 4-2 at Philip Morris. Four-nil up at the break.

WD & HO Wills have made a late sprint to avoid the drop and made it three in a row when the beat Bosch Dynamo 'A' 3-2. The Dynamos are another team who haven't been doing too well recently, having 2 defeats and 3 draws in their last 5 matches.

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Vermont walks off

It was a busy weekend for leading District League (Vic.) clubs with a welter of postponed league matches and also the quarter-finals of both Cups being played.

Hawksburn re-discovered their shooting boots, beating Pos-Tel in the Cup on Saturday and then taking a big stride towards glory with a 6-1 win over North Melbourne on Sunday.

The Cup provided its usual crop of surprises.

Division Three champions Cheltenham shocked South

Oakleigh with a 1-1 draw and went on to win on penalties 4-1.

First Division Burnley were stunned to find themselves three goals down to lowly placed Fourth Division Balclutha, but rallied to win 4-3.

Vermont spent an unhappy weekend too.

After being knocked out of the Cup on Saturday by East Carlton, they met Malvern City in a postponed fixture on Sunday.

Ambitious Malvern, needing two points to overhaul Central City, were too much for Vermont, who walked off the pitch and the game was abandoned.

The First Division championship is resolved in a tense tussle for second spot.

Gladstone Park came into calculations with two wins, but Nunawading threw away a golden chance by drawing twice in games they were expected to win.

Yarraville's appeal against exclusion due to be heard tomorrow night, is a further complication in an already over-drawn season.

In Division Two, Thornbury and Hawksburn both won well to further enhance their prospects, but Moonee Ponds' unexpected loss to Wiltona could be costly, with Clifton Hill slipping past them into third place.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Statistika pokazuje da druga sezona Philips Nacionalne Lige ni li bila tako uspešna kao prva. Uzroka ima dosta, ali nema mesta panici, ko ju stariju oni koji nikad nisu voleli ovaj znacajan poduhvat. Ipak, najveći nedostatak je surve kraska sezona. Ne igra se onda kada je vreme najprijepše i kada i ljudi imaju najviše vremena za razodno. Resenje je ovog problema je akutno i hitno, inace ce posledice biti neugodne, a treca sezona jos slabiji je.

Enklica imena su ponovo na udaru. Sasvim neopravdano i zlonamerno, jer je njihovo izostavljanje je obdlo emigrante, ali ni je pribolilo Australija, jer i Britance. Svako trazi svo j identitet. U sportu je najprijepniji i i najprijepniji. Zbog toga su osnovani enklica klubovi, da budu spora izmedju nove i stare domovine, da olaksaju zivot emigrantima. Kada Australijanci i Britanci budu iskreno zavoleli nogomet, onda ce sami stvarati klubove i administraciju, nece trazi (kao sada) da budu u profesionalnom adresu sa ovom igrom.

Prava nogometna publika ima svoje i i pravo da bira i odlucuje. One je zabralo integracij ju, a ne asimilacij ju kao uslov svog opstanka u Australiji. To je prihvaceno kao norma u mnogo vaznijim delatnostima od sporta, gde je raspoznavanje najpotrebnije.

BORBA ZA CETVITO MESTO

Essendon/Croatia je izgubila jos dva boda, jer se verovatno dva za vazan okrsga sa Juventusom iz Adelaide. Prvenstveni bodovi su potrebni Hakoahu, Slaviu, George Crossu i Sunshine-u, jer samo dva kluba mogu zauzeti trece i cetvito mesto. Makondora je takode osigurala drugo mesto, sto je vrlo vazno za materijalni uspeh završnog takmicenja prva cetiri kluba.

WINFIELD KUP

Iduce subote pocinje novo takmicenje Winfield Cup. Drugi tim JUST-a igra na svom igralistu protiv Chelsea-a. Slobodan Zorica je dobro pripremio svoje momke, kojima je stalo da se opravdaju za neuspeh u prethodnoj drugoj divizion, gde su porajali idealnu priliku za osvajanje prvenstva. PLAVI ce nastupiti u najboljem sastavu, jer su svi igrali zdravi cak i Cele Talevski, koji vuce povodu mesecima.

POBEDA I PORAZ CARLTON/SRIJE

Carlton/Srija je odigrala dva zastoate utakmice. U subotu je pobedila Thomastown sa 2:1 (1:1), a u nedelju izgubila sa istim rezultatom od prvaka Sunbuna. Prvog dana golove su postigli Milan Bjelogrić i Ljubo Ivanovski. Igra je igrala u sledecem sastavu: Ilijevski, Stevan Janic, Milenkovic, Boris Stojcević, Branko Polenić, Bosko Djordjević, Ljubo Ivanovski, Draog Janic, Milan Bjelogrić, Vasko Stojcević, Vajko Ceranic. U drugom poverljenu Jovan Samonovic je zamenio Stevana Janica, a Eddy Sackovic Dragana Janica. U nedelju je Carlton nastupio izmenjen, igrali su Vlada Pekic i Robert Jovanovic, jer dva brata Janica nisu dosli na utakmice.

Iduce subote igra se preliminarano kolo za Provinionalni Kup. Central Adon docekue na svom igralistu Balarat, dok Carlton igra protiv Royal Parka, a u nedelju protiv Hawthorna za bodove.

Gladstone Park je visoko porazio PELISTER iz Pascoe Valesa sa 6:1 (4:0). Tome Apostolovski je imao los dan. Promasio je penal i nekoliko idealnih sansi. Dok je on promasio Gladstone Park, je davao jefine golove, jer je Bil Dzanoski slabo branio.

Iduce subote PELISTER treba da igra protiv Yarraville, a u nedelju protiv Regents, dok Vojvodina iz Wiltona docekue Sandown, a odlazi u goste Clifton Hillu.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

PEGASUS je pobedio Roman Leathersgoods sa 3:1 i povecao razliku od drugog na tabeli na sedam bodova. Strelci za Pegasus: Stjepan Sabljak, Stjepan Fui i Vilij Over.

TARAX - RACV 3:0 (2:0). Ubedljiva pobeda nad poljskim veteranimi, protiv kojih Tarax do sad ni je imao mnogo sreće i uspeha. Utvaru i ovog puta je moglo da se dogodi svesta u drugom delu igre, kada je Tarax naglo popustao, ali je golman Sander Kazi imao svoj dan. Odrzanio je jedanaesterac i nekoliko sigurnih golova.

Svoj dan je imao i Milos Adamovic, koji je postigao sva tri gola. Porod ova dvojice, koji su najzaslužniji za pobedu, treba pohvaliti Dragana Petica. On je uspesno zamenio Jovu Milinova, kome je danas isteka kazna. Odrzao je igrao Barry Davis, a pocetnu pobedu zauzajuje trener JUST-a Ceda Crkovic, koji je dosao u pravo vreme da pomogne Tarax.

Iduce nedelje Tarax igra protiv Roman Leathersgoods na Monash Univerzitetu.

ALTONA UTD/ILINDEN - OKAHER LUV 4:1 (2:0). Poslednju prvenstvenu utakmicu Ilinden je pobio loko i ubedljivo, pa je završio na drugom mestu, tri boda iza Spila, koji je pobedio protiv zapadnoj grupi, trece industrijske lige. Strelci za Ilinden: Nedeljkovski, Mitrevski, Mladenovski i Trajkovski. Boji od ostalih: Cvetanovski i Jovanovski. Sastav Ilindena: Karatasov, Jasevski, Belasovski, Cvetanovski, Mladenovski, Jovanovski, Mitrevski, Stojcević, Nedeljkovski, Pilovski, Trajkovski.

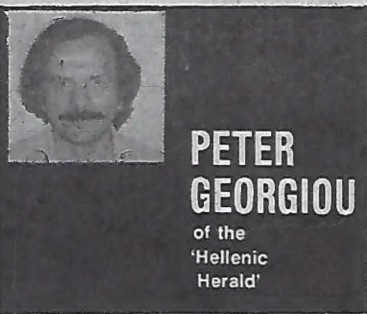
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Η επίσημη ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος στην Αυστραλία είναι πολύ μικρή.

Συμφωνούμε ότι τα πράγματα ήταν δύσκολα στις άνογες του Έθνικου Πρω-ταθλήματος. Ύστερα από δύο χρόνια ά-νως είναι φανερό ότι το Έθνικό Πρω-τάθλημα χρειάζεται άλλαξη τρό-που της διοργάνωσή του.

Οι ομάδες πρέπει να γίνουν περισ-σότερες, να φθάσουν ίσως τις 18 για να καλυφθούν περισσότερες έξδομα-δες που τώρα είναι νεκρές. Τό δέ Κυ-πέλλο Αυστραλίας, σέ όποια φάση κι' άν έρρισκεται ν' ακολουθεί άμεσα με-τά το πρωτάθλημα.

Μόνον έτσι θα μπορούσαμε να έχου-με μία πλήρη ποδοσφαιρική περίοδο, συνεχόμενη και άνι με νεκρά διαστή-ματα άπως συμβαίνει τώρα.

Οι πρόχειρες κακοδιοργανωμένες έκδηλώσεις φιλικών νευτοκυπέλλων—για να παρηγορηθούν αυτοί που δέν κατάφεραν να τερματίσουν πρώτοι— δέν πρόσφεραν τίποτα τό οδισιαστικό στό ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας.

Θά ήταν μεγαλύτερο ή ποσοφισό των ύπερβύθων στό άθληκό ποσάθλη-μα και γενικά στό άθλημα, άν αυτοί δέν προσπαθούσαν ή ξεφεύγουν από τους βασικούς κανόνες, φροντίζοντας να εφάρμοσουν άνεφάρμοστες φαι-νές ιδέες.

Π. Γεωργίου



Soccer action swept through Mazenod College, Mulgrave, in a big way this year. In a splendid season, no less than three premierships out of the possible four were won in the Eastern Independent Schools competition (Vic.).

Under experienced coach Bill Van Os, the Form one team, captained by Mark Cauchi, chalked up its third successive premiership.

The open team coached by tactician Norm Davis turned in some sparkling performances to finish on a high note while Form Two led by Peter Lackner and Form Three both finished undefeated on top of the ladder.

The Form Three team, pictured above, capped a great season, netting 89 goals. Joe Rivalland finished top scorer with a personal tally of 29 goals.

Another highlight was that no goal was scored against keeper Craig Hearn throughout the competition.

Back Row, left to right: Fr. Pat Dwyer (coach) Eddie Espinosa, Danny Avano, Michael Ward, Craig Hearn, John D'Amelio, Michael Telera.

Front row: Chris Elliott, Peter Szozil, John Guscic (V.Capt.), Pat Lennon (Capt.), Sam Rachele, Mario Pascuzzi, David Kosenko. Absent: Joe Rivalland.

Third title for Hellas

At right are the boys of South Melbourne Hellas under 15s, who are champions for the third year in a row.

The previous championships were won in the under 14 (1977) and under 13 (1976) divisions.

In winning this year's title, the boys scored 70 goals to 17.

In the Cup, Hellas has beaten Mooroolbark 18-0, Doncaster 23-0, Green-sborough 9-0, Moreland 2-1 and Green Gully Ajax 5-3 to reach the final.

Top goalscorers were Z. Zervides 32, Vasiliadis 15, Ribas 12, Bitsonis 11 and Pavlou 8.

The boys pictured are, from left, standing: G. Karakyrriakos (coach for the past 3 years), Tasiopoulos, Keskiades, Caravidas, Kakantonis, Dimopoulos; front: Bitsonis (captain), Zambitoglou, Vassiliades, Pasakos, Petrakos (vice capt), Zervides, Ribas.



TO THE EDITOR

SIR—The parents and officials of Moe United Soccer Club, who recently bailed the Victorian under 14 boys in the national championships held in Yallourn, would like to congratulate the boys on finishing runners-up. We would also like to congratulate the boys for their behaviour on and off the field. They are a credit to their coach and manager.

To Victoria and all the other States, we thank you for bringing the best of junior soccer to the Latrobe Valley.

—J. Cardona, junior manager, Moe United Soccer Club.



A view from the junior ranks BY LEIF JENSEN

Well, we are back again after a very successful trip with the under-13 Victorian squad to Brisbane.

Our team finished equal first on points with NSW and SA, but was placed third on goal difference.

We won more games than any other team at the championships and defeated the winners, NSW 1-0, so take it from me that Victorian parents and clubs should be very proud of these 16 boys.

My manager, Dick Featherstone and I would like to thank the boys and everyone involved in the championship for making it such a happy week. The lads were great ambassadors for their State.

I have been asked by several people to publish the day-to-day results of the championships, as with Telecom on strike at the time it appears that only some of the results were published in the local papers.

Results of the U-13 games, played at Redcliffe, Queensland:

Sunday: Queensland 1 Tasmania 0; WA 0 NSW 2; Nth. NSW 3 Sth. Australia 2; Victoria 7 Nth. Territory 2.

Monday: Nth. NSW 3 Victoria 4; Tasmania 1 Sth. Australia 2; WA 7 Nth. Territory 0; Queensland 2 NSW 3.

Tuesday: Queensland 1 Sth. Australia 1; NSW 13 Nth. Territory 0; Tas. 1; WA 0 Nth. NSW 0.

Wednesday: Tas. 0 WA 2; Sth. Australia 2 Vic. 1; NSW 5 Nth. NSW 2; Queensland 6 Nth. Territory 0.

Thursday: Queensland 2 Vic. 0; Nth. Territory 1 Nth. NSW 2; Sth. Australia 2 WA 0; NSW 0 Tas. 0.

Friday: Sth. Australia 0 NSW 0; Vic. 2 WA 1; Nth. Territory 0 Tas. 3; Queensland 0 Nth. NSW 3.

Saturday: Queensland 1 WA 0; Nth. NSW 3 Tas. 0; Vic. 1 NSW 0; Nth. Territory 1 Sth. Australia 6.

FINAL STANDINGS: NSW 10, SA 10, Vic. 10, Queensland 9, N.NSW 9, WA 5, Tas. 3, NT 0.

U-14 Championships at Latrobe Valley (we have only the Victorian results).

Vic. 2 ACT 0; Vic. 2 WA 1; Vic. 5 NT 0; N.NSW 1 Vic. 1; Vic. 2 Tas. 0; Vic. 0 Queensland 1; Vic. 3 SA 1; Vic. 1 NSW 1.

FINAL STANDINGS: NSW 14, Vic. 12, SA 12.

U-15 championships at Gosford, Northern New South Wales.

Sunday: Queensland 4 ACT 2; N.NSW 1 WA 0; Tas. 0 Vic. 4; SA 4 NSW 0.

Monday: Tas. 1 SA 3; ACT 2 Vic. 4; N.NSW 4 NSW 1; Q 5 WA 2.

Tuesday: Q 1 Vic. 2; WA 5 NSW 0; ACT 1 SA 0; N.NSW 1 Tas. 0.

Wednesday: ACT 0 N.NSW 2; Vic. 1 SA 2; WA 1 Tas. 0; Q 1 NSW 2.

Thursday: Q 0 SA 3; NSW 1 Tas. 0; Vic. 2 NSW 0; WA 1 ACT 0.

Friday: Vic. 1 WA 0; SA 0 N.NSW 1; NSW 3 ACT 0; Q 2 Tas. 1.

Saturday: Q 1 N.NSW 2; Tas. 1 ACT 6; SA 2 WA 0; NSW 3 Vic. 0.

FINAL STANDINGS: N.NSW 12; SA 10; Vic. 10; NSW 8; Q 6; WA 6; ACT 4; Tas. 0.

Like father, like son

Darren Abela (pictured) is following in the footsteps of his father Alfreo, who used to play for George Cross.

Darren helped Doncaster Rovers under 10A team to win the championship by scoring 43 of the team's 60 goals.



Hat-trick heroes

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an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat Trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's Hat Trick Heroes:

Billy Coleman, 14, four goals (Gateshead High, NSW); Stephen Stojanovski, 10 (Wallendene Primary, NSW); Brett Macey, 11, four goals (Croydon); Remo Disieto, 9, four goals (Albion Leyland); Robert Banks, 10 (Briar Hill Primary); Arco Cantone, 9 (Mitcham); Vince Illot, 11 (Twin City Wanderers); Andrew Nicholls, 9 (Caulfield); Paul Beranic, 13 (Green Gully); Steve Miller, 10, five goals (Sorrento Gully).

Andrew Mezzagatti, 10, five goals (Lyndale); George Karlipdia, 12 (Sth. Melb. Hellas); Michael Maplesden, 9, John Peters, 8, five goals, Jamie Elliott, 8, four goals, Paul Deakin, 8, Craig Crodden, 8, seven goals, Darren Ampluak, 9, Danny Sprague, 9, Jason Koo, 9, Leigh Reynolds, 7 (Sunbury); Gary Colombara, 11, four goals, Chris Grimmer, 10, five goals, Bruno Marcuzzi, 9 (Twin City Wanderers); Jason Jobling, 8 (Mooroolbark); Dean Hanemann, 9, seven goals, Rosa Gilbert, 8, four goals, Leonard Fernandes, 8, six goals, Murray Hodgson, 8, (Peninsula); Darren Abela, 10, four goals (Doncaster).

ALL THE SCORES, TABLES

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Quarter-finals of Dockerty Cup tonight

After two months in the wilderness, Frankston City has come out of the cold to stake a claim for the Victorian Dockerty Cup.

The Baysiders ended an eight-game horror patch (in which they failed to win a game) with a totally unexpected win over league champions Essendon Croatia.

Croatia will hope its back four tightens up, and the forward line makes more of an impression.

Frankston will find Croatia not a difficult opponent than last Sunday. The Croats team will be determined to revenge its defeat, and keep alive hopes of completing a league and cup double.

Frankston player/coach **Sandy Irvine** will probably employ similar tactics to the ones he used to bring down last week's top side. He is aimed at pressuring Croatia's defenders, to prevent them

Likely line ups — **FRANKSTON:** Petercop, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Taylor, Barratt, G. Bannon, Fox, Dell, MacGregor, Tulloch. **CROATIA:** Banovic, Simic, Kocak, Gardner, Blaver, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Cumming Krcenovic, Vojtek.

Sunshine City and George Cross have more than Dockety Cup thoughts on their mind. Both are in the hunt for a place in the top four (State League Cup), and will be looking for tonight's quarter finals to boost morale for their crucial last championship games.